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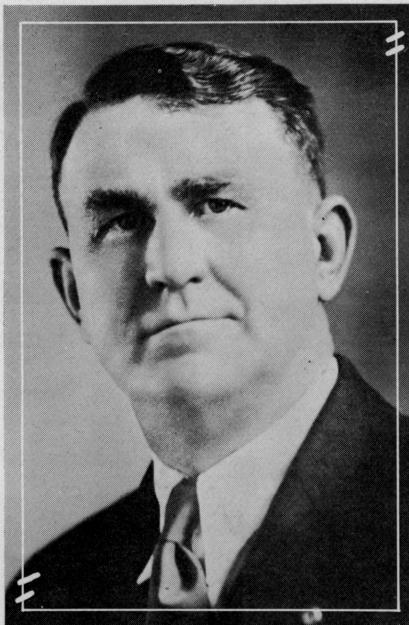
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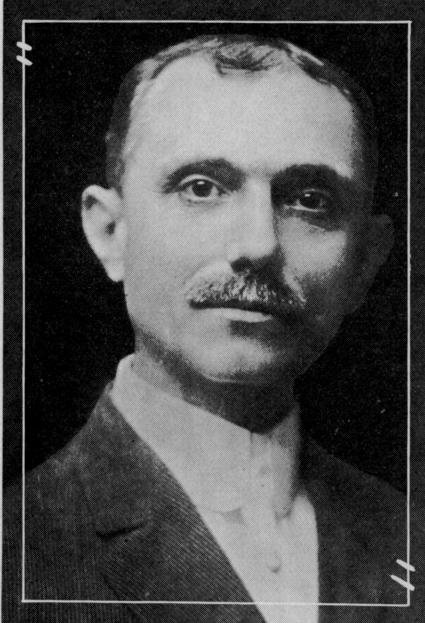
WALKER REYNOLDS '08

ish-American War he was a surgeon in the U. S. Army, serving in Cuba during the Cuban occupation and later in the Philippines during the Insurrection. For 12 years he was Major and Surgeon in the Alabama National Guard.

In 1911 Dr. Oates was appointed State Prison Inspector of Alabama, and during his term of office succeeded in cleaning up various penal institutions in the State and installing modern sanitation, hygiene, cleanliness, and humane treatment.

During the World War he was a Major in the Medical Department of the U. S. Army, serving as Instructor in the Medical Officers Training School at Camp Greenleaf, Chickamauga Park, and as a student in the Army War College, Washington, D. C. He was Camp Sanitary Inspector of Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, O., and Camp Zachary Taylor at Louisville.

At present Dr. Oates is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army, a Fellow of the Alabama Medical Association, and member of the Mobile County Medical Society. He is a member of the American Legion, an Auburn trustee, member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, S. A. R., a Shriner, and a 32° Mason. He practices medicine in Mobile.



WILLIAM F. FEAGIN '92

FROM DOUBLE "A" man in baseball and football for four years to vice-president of the Alabama Pipe Company at Anniston, Walker Reynolds '08, has always carried the ball. He was graduated from Auburn the following year, with the degree of M.E. Mr. Reynolds was president of The 800 and the 1908 Clubs while at Auburn, a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, and lieutenant in the winning company of the Cadet Corps as an undergraduate.

Two years after his graduation, he became associated with the Union Foundry Company as chemist and draftsman. This position he held until 1912 when he was made salesman and assistant manager of the same corporation. In 1919 he became its manager, which position he held the following five years.

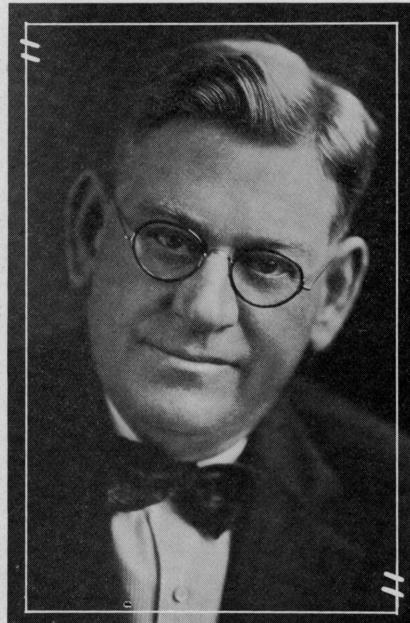
In 1925, Mr. Reynolds was made treasurer of the Alabama Pipe Company, remaining with them in that capacity until 1929. The new year found him vice-president—his present position.

Mr. Reynolds was married to Mary Starr Weatherly, some fifteen years ago, and is the father of Walker Jr., Harry, and James Reynolds.

ADDING TO the list of Auburn medical men, "Cotton" Oates, who is known by his more intimate friends as William Henry Oates '91, born in Mobile, Nov. 27, 1871. He attended the elementary, public, and private schools there, and received his B.S. at Auburn.

Dr. Oates continued his medical training at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, where he received his M.D., and his surgical work at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Hospital. During the Spanish-American War he was a surgeon in the U. S. Army, serving in Cuba during the Cuban occupation and later in the Philippines during the Insurrection. For 12 years he was Major and Surgeon in the Alabama National Guard.

In 1911 Dr. Oates was appointed State Prison Inspector of Alabama,



DR. W. H. OATES '91

Mr. FEAGIN was born at Midway, Ala., Dec. 26, 1869. He graduated from the Midway and James Institute in 1887, and came directly to Auburn where successively in 1892-93 he received his B.S. and M.E. degrees. Later, in 1917, for recognition of his work, the University of Alabama conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. upon him.

From 1893-97 he was professor of mathematics at the 7th District Agricultural School at Albertville, Ala., and from '97 to 1903 was its principal. From then until 1907 he was Secretary and member of the State Board of Examiners of Teachers of Alabama, when he was made Chief Clerk of the State Department of Education. In 1913 he was appointed State Superintendent of Education in Alabama to fill an unexpired term and was elected regularly to the same position in 1915.

In 1917 Mr. Feagin resigned to become County Superintendent of Schools at Montgomery, remaining until 1920 when he became State Warden-General for Alabama. In 1923 he was made Special Representative of the Guardian Life Insurance Co., of N. Y., at Montgomery.

Since that time he has been variously member of the State Board of Administration and Manager of the book department of Loveman, Joseph, and Loeb, State Schoolbook Depository. This past month he was appointed President of the State Board of Administration for Alabama.

Mr. Feagin is a Democrat, member of the M. E. Church, S. Mem., a Mason, K. P., and member of the I. O. O. F. He is also a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. His address is 512 Hill St., Montgomery, Ala.

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## Thirty Grad Classes Will Return to Campus For Mammoth Alumni Gathering---May 18

WITH 30 class reunions scheduled and William M. (Billy) Williams '96 of Washington, D. C., selected as the Alumni orator, the largest gathering of old grads in Auburn's history will take place on Alumni Day, Monday, May 18. According to announcement of the Alumni Executive Committee, Mr. Williams accepted "with pleasure" an invitation to deliver the Alumni Day Address, and definite plans have been made for the return of hundreds of Auburn men from all over the United States.

No more popular alumni speaker could have been secured than Billy Williams, who for a number of years has been an eminently successful lawyer in Washington, D. C. He is now a member of the well-known firm, Williams, Myers, and Quiggle. Matters of vital importance to Auburn men will be discussed by Mr. Williams.

These are the classes which will hold meetings on Alumni Day: 1880, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, 1890, '93, '94, '95, '96, 1900, '01, '02, '06, '07, '08, '12, '13, '14, '18, '19, '20, '24, '25, and '26.

President Bradford Knapp extends to all returning alumni a special invitation to remain in Auburn for the entire commencement exercises, beginning Sunday, May 17, with the baccalaureate sermon in Langdon Hall. On Monday there will be the regular annual meeting of the Association, reunion of all returning classes, alumni luncheon, and a baseball game in the afternoon. In keeping with the long-established custom there will be the Festival of Lights and band concert in front of Langdon Hall in the evening. President Knapp will deliver diplomas to the graduating class Tuesday morning following the commencement address.

In cooperation with the local chapter of alumni, arrangement will be made for the entertainment of all who return. Reservations for rooms may be secured by those who give notice to the alumni office here on the campus.

Besides the delightful opportunity for fellowship with old classmates, much is in store for alumni attending the 1931 reunion. Under the farsighted direction of President Knapp, Auburn has developed, buildings have been erected, the campus has been beautified, and the entire institution has made strides which will bring a feeling of pride to every Old Grad.

### ALUMNI ORATOR



WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS '96

Instead of the antiquated quarters formerly occupied by the School of Chemistry and Pharmacy, you will find it now housed in the beautiful new Ross Chemical Laboratory representing an expenditure of \$250,000. Then there is the new Textile Engineering Building erected at a cost of \$150,000, which all alumni will want to visit. On Ag Hill, you will find a magnificent Animal Husbandry and Dairy Building erected within the last year, costing \$150,000, in addition to the commodious, up-to-date, \$100,000 office building for the Extension Service officials—Duncan Hall.

Members of the Phi Delta Theta, Delta Sigma Phi, Sigma Nu, and Theta Chi fraternities will find the chapters now occupying new houses, costing approximately \$30,000 each.

### INCREASE IN POWER ASKED FOR WAPI

RECOMMENDATION that the power of Station WAPI (Birmingham) be increased from 5,000 to 25,000 watts was included in a report to the Federal Radio Commission in Washington by Chief Examiner Ellis A. Yost, February 19. The report, which asked that the number of high powered radio stations in the United States be raised to 35, is yet to be acted upon by the Commission.

Appearing before the Examiner last September, P. O. Davis '16, general manager of WAPI, and Walter N. Campbell, manager, made application for 50,000 watts power. Should the increase to 25,000 watts be allowed, it is thought that this will considerably improve the station's daytime reception throughout the State. Future efforts to obtain 50,000 watts will be made by the station, which is owned jointly by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, The University of Alabama, and Alabama College for Women. If the present recommendation is authorized by the Commission, it will be looked upon by the station officials as assurance that 50,000 watts power will be granted later.

Yost recommended that eight of the 24 stations which have asked to increase their power to 50,000 watts be allowed to have that amount, bringing the such stations to 22, with four of them sharing time, thus utilizing the 20 positions for high power on clear channels. He further recommended that 11 stations be permitted to increase their power to 25,000 watts bringing the total of such stations to 13.

The stations recommended for the 50,000 watts power on clear channels are: First zone, WJZ, New York; Sec. (Continued on page 23)

# Early History of Auburn

**S**OMEWHERE between the years of 1834 and 1835 a colony from the Counties of Harris, Jones, and Upson came over from Georgia to Alabama and settled in and around the place which is now Auburn. In that colony was a Judge John J. Harper and family, consisting of seven sons and three daughters, all single except the oldest daughter, a Mrs. Winn, whose husband was Mr. Littleton Winn. As soon as they landed they found the Indians still here and had a fight with them. Judge Harper's sons, four of whom were grown young men, all died of consumption and lie side by side in the Auburn Cemetery. His eldest son, William, was the second person to be buried in the Auburn Cemetery. The first person was a horse drover from Kentucky.

After the little village was started, it was without a name. So Thomas Harper, who had left his sweetheart back in Jones County, Georgia, wrote to her asking for a name for their new found place. He gave a beautiful description of its situation. She asked him to call it Auburn, which he did. His lady-love was a Miss Elizabeth W. J. Taylor, daughter of Col. Swepson and Sarah Taylor, of Jones County, Georgia. She was a beautiful and intellectual girl, who had been educated in one of the best schools of Georgia. A better Christian, or a more refined lady, never lived. She was born January 10, 1819, and was married to Thomas H. Harper, December 20, 1836. He carried her to the Village she had named, a bride not quite 17 years old. They settled on the lot on which Hotel Thomas now stands, theirs being the first frame building in the place. He was a merchant and his place of business was a little northeast of his dwelling on the corner. Hers was the first piano and cooking stove in Auburn.

### More Georgians Emigrate

In a short while Major James White and Wallace Drake, two more Georgians, moved over. They, too, were merchants. Major James settled and had built the house where Mr. John Motley now lives. Mr. Drake married a Miss Volicia Volney Ann Mitchell, a lovely and beautiful young lady, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, and cousin of Mrs. Thomas Harper.

There were two large families of the Mitchells. Also Gilders and Jor-

By MISS ALICIA MELTON  
Niece of the Flanagan Who Named Auburn

dans. Judge Scott, stepfather of Judge Harper and father of Col. Pat Scott, who was grandfather of Miss Annie L. Dillard of Auburn, settled in Auburn in the thirties. Also Echols, Punns, Tarvers, Turners, Pedgetts, Mimms, Walkers, Dillards, Grasons, Evans, Bailey, Hills, Ousleys—Mrs. John Ousley was the first milliner in the place—Clowers—Mr. Bryant Clower was also a merchant, and his wife was the first music teacher—Chipman, Kidds—Kidds were merchants. Along in the first of the forties came Yancies, Pelots, Wales, Eadies, McGees, Reeces, Dowdells, Samfords, Starrs, Perries, Harris, Wingett, Neal, Jones, Hardins, Hundleys, Swansons, Sneeds, Masons, and many others whose names I fail to recall just now.

### Male and Female Colleges

Along in the first of the forties there were two fine schools, a Male and a Female, each paying the principal a salary of two thousand dollars a year. The Female Academy was on the lot on which Mr. Tom Glenn now lives. The first principal, a Mr. Yancy, the second, a little Frenchman by the name of Pelott, from Charleston. The Male Academy stood on the corner, on the lot once occupied by Mrs. Col. Wills. The first principal was Judge C. C. Flanagan, grandfather of Mrs. E. B. Lentz (nee, Erin Dick). It was through the influence of Thomas Harper and Major White, both trustees of the schools, that Mr. Flanagan went to Auburn. He had been teaching for some families of Drakes and Flewellens in Upson County, Georgia. On arrival in Auburn, Mr. Harper had him to go to his house. There he was introduced by Mr. Harper to his wife, who was sitting at the supper table at the time. Mr. Flanagan said that he thought she was the most beautiful creature he had even beheld, little dreaming that she would ever be his wife. She was a fine talker, being chaste and refined in all her conversation.

**M**R. HARPER died after a few years, leaving her a widow with two sons, Swepson and John J. Harper. Both grew to manhood in Auburn. Both died before their mother. John J. left a family in Mississippi. Swepson never married. Mrs. Harper lived a widow a few

years and in February 1846 married Judge C. C. Flanagan. They were married on Sunday morning. On Monday night a grand reception was given them by the trustees of the school at the home of Mr. Simeon Perry. By her second marriage she had but one child, a daughter, Erin, who grew to womanhood, married and died in Auburn, leaving a little daughter a few days old to her parents. Mrs. Flanagan died in Auburn in 1879. Mr. Flanagan died in 1881. Both sleep in Auburn Cemetery.

Along in the forties and fifties it was customary at the close of each school term to have a two days' public examination and that was brought to a close by a grand exhibition at night. They were certainly fine.

There were two churches, Baptist and Methodist. The Methodist stood back southeast of the present church. It was a small frame building having four doors, one on each side up near the "Amen Corner" and two at the end. The ladies and gentlemen entered at separate doors. Isaac Hill lead in the singing. A few years later Archie Kimbrough assisted him. The day the cornerstone of the church, which was remodeled a few years back, was laid, was a big day in Auburn. I may be mistaken, but I think it was on the Fourth of July. I also forget the year. The cornerstone itself will show. The two Sabbath Schools, The Masons, Oddfellows, and Sons of Temperance turned out, had music and speeches from fine orators from a distance and from members of the Sabbath School, and wound up with a big dinner which was spread on tables that were made all over the church yard.

### Masonic Female College Opens

Then, in the fifties, the next important event was the opening of the Masonic Female College, which stood on the same spot where the first Male Academy stood. The first President was from Glenville, Alabama. He was once President of the Glenville College. The second was Professor John Darby. The first Music teacher was a Miss Francis Williams, who was afterwards Mrs. George Dillard. She went in at the opening and held her position until the college closed at the beginning of the Civil War. She received a fine salary.

The next event was the laying of

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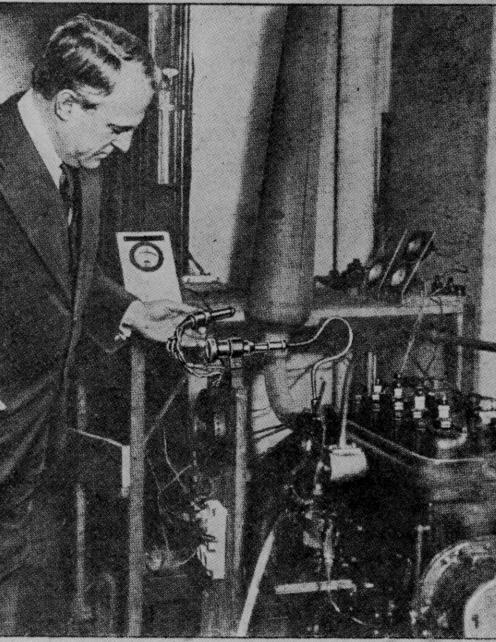
# Another Invention By Auburn's Hutchison

THE following plates and story concerning the remarkable invention by an Auburn man, Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison, E.E.'13, is reprinted from the February issue of THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. This splendid presentation of the invention, both photographically and in writing, is made possible by the courtesy of this magazine.

The LITERARY DIGEST speaks of Dr. Hutchison as the "well-known inventor of the Klaxon horn, the acousticone, the dictograph, and many other devices—formerly Edison's chief engineer and personal representative".—EDITOR.

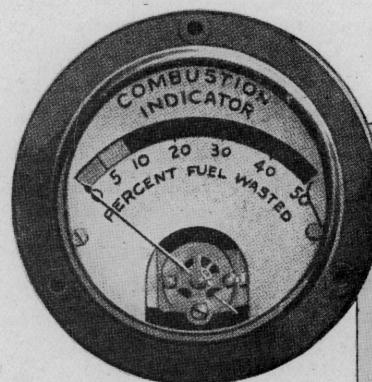
A SIMPLE device that can be attached to any automobile in a few minutes may rid city streets of the peril of poison gas. Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison, New York inventor and former chief engineer for Thomas A. Edison, announces that after two years' work he has perfected a "monoxide meter" for cars. It will warn a driver when his car's exhaust is belching fumes of the deadly carbon monoxide gas. Also, it will help him to get more miles to the gallon of gasoline.

Two parts make up the "monoxide meter" which Dr. Hutchison has invented. All that the motorist sees is a dial on his instrument board, a little larger than a watch, labeled "Combustion Indicator." Its little black needle fluctuates across a scale, marked off in brightly colored divisions from "zero" to "fifty," and lettered "Percent of Fuel Wasted." When the needle swings toward the



Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison, of New York City, demonstrating a model that tested the value of his monoxide meter.

"fifty" side, it means that the exhaust is pouring carbon monoxide into the air. The motorist then can correct the trouble by readjusting his carburetor.



The dial on your dashboard to warn of deadly gas.

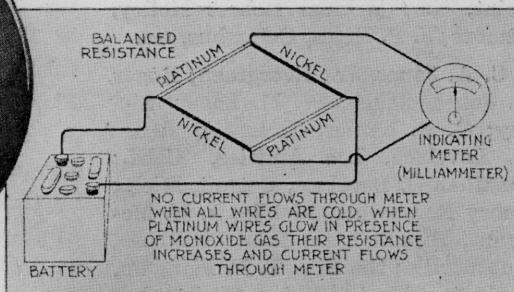
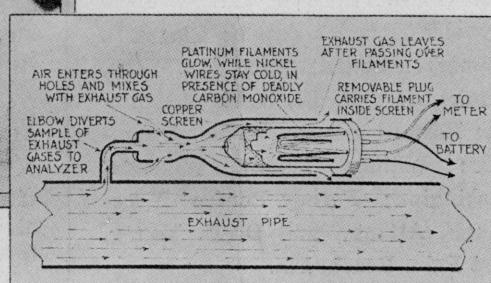


Diagram makes clear how dial pointer is actuated.

Unseen by the motorist, but really the brains of the device, is a little brass tube a few inches long clamped upon the exhaust pipe. It might be called a mechanical chemist. Constantly it samples



This plug, which slips into the gas-analyzing tube, contains the telltale platinum filaments that reveal the presence of monoxide. At right, drawing shows how this plug works.



and analyzes the gas rushing out through the exhaust. At the first sign of the deadly monoxide, it flashes a warning to the meter on the instrument board through electric wires.

Its working parts are simple. Anyone who has seen a certain style of lighter for gas ranges, in which a coil of "sponge" platinum thread, a porous form of the metal, glows when held over flowing gas, will understand at once how it works. Thin ribbons of platinum, specially-treated in the tube attached to the exhaust pipe, glow as does "sponge" platinum when an inflammable gas, such as carbon monoxide, mixed with a little air, passes over them. The "catalytic" or uniting action of the platinum in both cases promotes a chemical process resembling combustion

between the gas and air, and the platinum glows with the heat resulting.

In the gas-analyzing tube, the platinum strips are connected in an electrical circuit with the indicating meter, as shown in the accompanying diagram. Power is supplied by the car's battery. So exactly is the

electrical resistance of the cold platinum filaments balanced by strips of nickel that no current ordinarily flows through the meter. But when the platinum wires glow, their resistance mounts rapidly. The circuit is unbalanced. Current flows through the meter, and the needle then swings over to indicate how much carbon monoxide is pouring through.

The telltale device, Hutchison says, in measuring monoxide gas, also measures unburned, wasted fuel—for the two mean exactly the same thing. A car tuned up with the aid of the meter will go miles farther for

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**ALUMNI HOLDING LIFE  
CARDS IN ASSOCIATION  
NUMBER SEVENTY-ONE**

**O**N the list of alumni who are life members of the alumni association, are 71 names. They reside in Alabama and also in several other states. The late John Mills, of Birmingham, was a life member.

Names and addresses of life members are F. C. Atkinson, Indianapolis, Ind.; H. S. Adams, Lee Ashcraft, Atlanta, Ga.; C. H. Billingsley, Tallahassee; George Perkins Bondurant, Birmingham; Tom Bragg, Birmingham; W. H. Bruce, Montgomery; Casper Carl Certain, Detroit, Mich.; W. O. Chears, Atlanta, Ga.; Ashbury N. Culver, Montgomery; Fred Curtis, Montgomery; J. E. Davis, Birmingham; Smith Coffee Daniell, Port Gibson, Miss.; Lemuel G. Dawson, Montgomery; Charles Fairchild DeBardeleben, Birmingham; H. T. DeBardeleben, Birmingham; Dr. R. T. Dorsey, Atlanta, Ga.

Howard Staten Doster, Prattville; Macon Carmichael Ellis, Orrville; W. W. Fulghum, Birmingham; Ex-Gov. Bibb Graves, honorary; Judge Ethridge Jackson Garrison, Ashland; Dr. J. G. Greil, Montgomery; L. G. Gresham, Meridian, Miss.; Mrs. Kate T. Hagler, Tulsa, Okla.; Victor Hanson, Birmingham; Clifford LeRoy Hare, Auburn; Frances Williams Hare, Monroeville; Dr. A. L. Harlan, Alexander City; Walter E. Henley, Birmingham; Harry Herzfeld, Alexander City; Joe Herzfeld, West Point, Ga.; William Robert Holley, Atmore; J. P. Illges, Columbus, Ga.

C. A. Jones, Jr., Evergreen; Roger C. Jones, Selma; W. M. Lacey, Sipsey; C. B. Lanier, Tallahassee; James J. Lovelace, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jonathan B. Lovelace, Detroit, Mich.; Henry R. Luscher, Mobile; J. H. McCrary, Birmingham; John McDuffie, Monroeville; the Rev. T. F. Mangum, Lexington, N.C.; William Christopher Martin, Birmingham; T. W. Morgan, Birmingham; F. C. Morris, Sayreton; L. P. Munger, Birmingham; Dr. H. C. Nixon, New Orleans, La.; Judge J. P. Oliver, Dadeville; W. O. Polmer, Nashville, Tenn.; D. W. Peabody, Atlanta, Ga.; W. I. Pittman, Birmingham.

G. H. Price, Nashville, Tenn.; Wallace Powell Pruitt, Rockford; Miss Mary Robinson, Birmingham; S. A. Redding, Oakland, Calif.; Erskine Ramsay, Birmingham, honorary; Dr. W. S. Rutledge, Ruston, La.; Harvey Owen Sargent, Washington, D.C.; B. L. Shi, Auburn; Henry A. Skeggs, Chicago; C. M. Smith, Jr., Montgomery; L. W. Spratling, Waverly; Jabez

**WILBUR FISK GLENN  
HONORED BY EMORY**



**R**EPRINTED from the cover page of the Emory *Alumnus* for July-September, 1930, the above architect's sketch of the new \$3,000,000 Wilbur Fish Glenn Memorial being constructed on the Emory campus shows something of the honor being paid to an Auburn alumnus, graduate of the now famous class of '60, Wilbur Fisk Glenn. The combination church and auditorium was begun last July. It is being built from a fund to which Thomas K. Glenn and Mrs. Charles Howard Chandler, son and daughter of the famous Methodist, are principal donors (See *Alumnus*, March, 1930, p. 6ff.).

Of association interest is the fact that the picture used for the cut on this page was given to us by Miss M. A. Glenn, treasurer of Auburn since the death of her father E. T. Glenn (who was appointed treasurer in 1872). Miss Glenn is a distant relative of W. F. Glenn, husband of Florella Harper, a daughter of John J. Harper. And it is this same John Harper's mother, Mrs. Thomas Harper (later Mrs. C. C. Flanagan) who, as Miss Elizabeth W. J. Taylor, a 17-year old girl, in 1836, named the city of Auburn and was then brought here as the young bride of Thomas (see story in this issue, p. 3ff.).

Curry Street, Brooklyn; Charles William Streit, Birmingham; Edward Taylor; W. K. Terry, Charles Coleman Thach, Jr., New York; Walker Reynolds Tichenor, Athens, Ga.; S. L. Toomer, Auburn; Joel F. Webb, Birmingham; R. D. Webb, Atlanta, Ga.; Edward Houston Wills, Montevallo; William Martin Williams, Washington; Forney Renfro Yarbrough, Atlanta, and O. E. Young, West Palm Beach, Fla.

**LANGDON DOCUMENT**

**P**RESIDENT KNAPP announces that he has just received from Mrs. Emma Buck Ross, wife of Mr. Jack F. Ross, of Park Terrace, Mobile, Ala., the original certificate appointing Colonel Charles Langdon, Granduncle of Mrs. Ross, to the position of Director in the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Auburn, Alabama. Colonel Langdon was a member of the Board of Trustees or Directors of this institution from 1872 to 1890. History records him as one of the most ardent, hardworking and earnest members of the Board at that time.

Langdon Hall, the present auditorium of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute on the campus, and the oldest building now on the campus, was named after Colonel C. C. Langdon. This building will hold about 600 students at the present time, whereas the student body is a little more than three times that large. The present permanent plans of the institution provide that whenever a new auditorium is constructed Langdon Hall, on account of its architecture and its historical association, will be preserved and in some way utilized without change in the work of the institution.

Colonel Langdon left no direct heirs and President Knapp expresses his very great appreciation to Mrs. Emma Buck Ross for her gift of this historical document. So far as it is known it is the only certificate of appointment of the first Board of Trustees in existence. Mrs. Emma Buck Ross is the daughter of Margaret Langdon Buck who was the daughter of Colonel C. C. Langdon's brother.

**MOBILE WAS DRAMATIC CENTER BEFORE CIVIL WAR SAYS J. R. RUTLAND**

**T**URNING dramatic historian for Alabama, J. R. Rutland '00, head professor of English at Auburn, has thrown interesting illumination on the thespian trade centering at Mobile before the Civil War.

"Mobile's theatrical life in the early nineteenth century was more important than that of any other city in the South," he states in an article appearing in the *Mobile Press* for December 7, "and as thriving, theatrically speaking, as any other Southern community."

The article appears as a revival of interest in affairs theatrical, being written in book form by Prof. Rutland.

# More Chatter About The Old College "Index"



CLASS OF 1891

First row: Dr. Frank Allemong Lupton, John Calvin Kimball, Charles Bowles Glenn, Robert Clanton Smith. Second row: James Nathaniel Dean, Harmon Benton, Clifford LeRoy Hare, Beverly Harwood, William Henry Oates, Alexander D. McLennan. Third row: William Audley Marshall, Petit Reynolds. Fourth row: James Albert Cox, Charles Cicero Johnson, Frank Jarvis Bivins, William Thomas Glass, William Edwards Reynolds, Walter Edward Fitzgerald. Fifth row: Lawrence Ernest Baker, Seaborn Jesse Buckalew.

**A**N ANTIQUARIANITIS fever has prompted more fine-toothed unearthing since last month, and various archives about the campus have yielded rich results. Reprinted in the January issue was the coverless copy of the first *Topics*. On the front cover of a copy since discovered are the names of A. St. C. Dunstan and, curiously enough, again that of Walter Merritt Riggs.

And apparently in the handwriting of Mr. Riggs are certain notations above the printed names of the staff: for the Wirts, McAllister appears for W. A. Marshall; for the Websterians, Heyman for C. C. Johnson. These are the editors-in-chief. Then, for the associate editors, A. D. Jones appears written above C. B. Glenn; W. M. Riggs above R. D. McAllister; Payne above J. T. Heflin; and Richie above L. P. Heyman. The name of C. L. Hare for Business Manager is underscored, evidently in approval. These new names seem to point to the fact that the future *Topics* were to have a revised staff; however, in the next copy of the publication which we have found (No. 3, March, 1891) only one change is noted in the staff: Walter M. Riggs has succeeded R. D. McAllister as an associated editor.

But where the copy reprinted in January had the notation by Riggs (above the title, inside, page 1), this second copy has a most interesting

fragment in as yet unidentified handwriting:

"Miss — — —  
On the dreary road of life  
If no one has proposed,  
When you are 63, will you?"  
(and the last three words are crossed out).

You may conjure with it: a romance? schoolboy poetry? a story? But only the man who wrote it will know . . . The March issue contained less interesting features; we would like to know, however, who was the prolific "2881" and why the numerical pseudonym?

There the trail ends. Until we come across some publication published between March '91 and November '92, we must assume that Vol. 1, No. 1, of *The College Index* is the next link in the chain of our interest. Perhaps there is no No. 4 of *Topics*; it may have died with that issue. Perhaps there is another publication in between. . .

At any rate, we now introduce the *Index*, edited this time, by one head — Charles H. Ross, one-time professor of modern languages at Auburn (and brother of Dean B. B. Ross) who died in 1900. L. P. Heyman remained as an associate editor, along with Walter Riggs, and N. B. Marks '93 who was a lawyer of prominence in Montgomery until his death some year ago. Wm. F. Feagin, now with Loveman, Joseph, and Loeb, book-

distributors in Birmingham, besides being business manager of the football team, was likewise business manager of the *Index*.

#### Printed in Montgomery

**T**HIS NEW venture, like each of these old magazines, contained 32 pages besides the vari-colored covers. It was printed by the Brown Printing Company at Montgomery, and scheduled to appear on the 15th of each month at a subscription price of \$1 per year—"A Monthly Magazine Published at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama".

"October", subtitled "A Fancy", opened this new literary attempt on the campus, signed by "H", whom we take to be L. P. Heyman. A story obviously penned to ridicule certain of the pedagogic celebrities at the expense of the town and campus negroes followed, written by "Arat", presumably a freshman. Charles H. Ross takes opportunity to eulogize the oratorical abilities of the then-recently deceased George Wm. Curtis, in an article based upon the author's personal experiences in hearing Mr. Curtis.

L. P. Heyman, as editor of the exchange department of *Index*, a new venture, notes the *Alamo* and *San Jacinto Monthly* of Southwestern University, *The College Reflector* of the Mississippi A. and M. College, *The Mnemosyne* of Agnes Scott Institute, and the *Vanderbilt Observer*.

"Nick" Marks, then editor of the Alumni Department, wrote short notices of William H. Lamar '81, B. B. Ross '81, J. M. Hurt, '82, Howard Lamar '82, R. S. Corry '84, R. H. Thach '85, John C. Carmichael ex-'82, S. C. Pitts '86, H. Clay Armstrong '87, George F. Broun '88, J. H. Drake '88, T. D. Samford '88, and A. St. C. Dunstan '89. These men, most of them, are no longer able to recall the old times with us; some are living. Howard Lamar, who so long practiced law at Jasper, now without his eyes, lives in Auburn and is long since retired. John Carmichael has only recently died. S. C. Pitts seems to be the man of mystery, about whom not even the oldest sages of Auburn can tell. Last heard of in Texas, Prof. Crenshaw says, and "I think still living". H. Clay "Gosh" Armstrong, about whom more later, is in Pensacola, Fla. George F. Broun, son of Leroy Broun, ex-president of Auburn, is still living in Bir-

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# PREXY'S PAGE

BRADFORD KNAPP - PRESIDENT



## *State Funds Increased*

**I**N THE last four years the funds appropriated by the State of Alabama for the support of this institution in its teaching division increased from \$368,954.34 to \$386,076.84, an increase of \$17,122.50 or a little less than five per cent. Taking all State funds including the teacher-training fund and the Smith-Hughes fund for the training of agricultural teachers and add these on and the State support of this institution in its teaching division, excluding Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension work is \$397,525.52 in 1927-28 and \$421,659.15 in 1930-31 which is an increase of \$24,133.63 or slightly over six per cent. In that same period of time the number of the students in regular term has increased from 1614 to 1914, an increase of 300 or slightly over eighteen per cent.

This increase of student body has necessitated an increase in personnel and in quality of the teaching staff. In these four years we have had to adjust the staff on a new basis and increase those lines of work which are most important to the State as well as the necessity of strengthening the fundamental courses of this institution. Special development has taken place in agricultural economics, dairying, textile engineering, architecture, industrial arts and shops, chemistry, general economics, music, physics, educational courses and teacher-training.

In cost per student on the State funds Alabama Polytechnic Institute stands sixth from the bottom of all Land-Grant colleges in this country as far as I am able to obtain figures from recent data published by the Office of Education, Department of Interior in Washington. Cost per student at this institution on State funds is from ten to as high as sixty per cent less than other nearby Land-Grant institutions.

While we are talking about enrollments I think it is always worthwhile to summarize the total service of this institution. In resident teaching, summer school and short courses, plus the general extension classes held over the State this institution reaches more than 5,400 people in collegiate and short course instruc-

tion. These are the ones that ought to be charged to our educational fund from its various sources. The Experiment Station work deals entirely with research work and the importance of its work is not measured by the number of students who are applying for education. The importance of research work in agriculture is measured by the problems of farmers in the general interest of the agricultural work of the State.

The amount of money needed for research work bears no relation whatever to the number of students in college here or elsewhere. The agricultural extension service is a separate and distinct division of the institutions' work, of broad application, and of great importance. Through the agricultural extension service more than 70,000 people are being reached annually through demonstrations, club work, home demonstration clubs, and direct service. If one is going to attempt to portray the total personal service of this institution, therefore, the enrollment would run above 75,000.

## *Cautious Adjustment*

**I** REMEMBER driving over an exceedingly bad road some years ago. By proceeding cautiously we were able to get through but the mud holes were terrible. Another car came bolting along at terrific speed and jumped off from a good hard road into one of these mud holes and they had to get a truck and a tractor to pull it out.

## *NEW PAGE HEADING*

*The above sketch was drawn by Thomas E. Kipp, junior student in the commercial art course, from Leeds, Ala. Mr. Kipp's drawing was selected in competition with other members of his class after Prof. Frank W. Applebee assigned the sketch as a class problem. All of the sketches submitted would have served the purpose admirably, but since a selection of one was necessary, the honor went to Mr. Kipp.—EDITOR.*

It is a good deal the same way in getting from a period of prosperity into a period of adversity. It has been difficult for a people to see the thing coming and to slow up momentum and be able to guide their lives through the besetting difficulties of a changed economic condition. Some of us have rushed off from the good road and settled down in mud and have to be pulled out by a tractor. Others have been able to slow up before the worst difficulties have been encountered and thus have come through "under their own power."

It is difficult for state and nation to adjust themselves to these new and changed conditions. This institution is publishing a monthly summary of economic conditions under the title of the "Alabama Economic Review" the principal object of which is to correlate agricultural, industrial, business, and commercial conditions and put them in such form that business men and farmers alike may readily absorb the information. This is a sign board for the business man along the commercial highway. We have been gratified at the results thus far obtained and the great interest displayed in many quarters toward this publication.

Educational institutions must adjust themselves with care. The increasing enrollment and the desire of young people for education in times of distress are often more insistent and even more important than in times of great prosperity. The real task is to put progress in the right place, take no backward step, build constructively and in harmony with the times, increase the service of the institution, and unite in supporting all of the enterprises of the state, particularly the common schools and the professional and technical schools of the institutions of higher learning which give the young people of this state an equal opportunity with those of other states.

# EDITORIALS

## Class Reunions

Alumni Day, May 18

THE executive committee of the Alumni Association had its recent meeting on January 10th and decided to call for the reunion of the following classes: 1880-'81-'82-'83-'84-'85-'86-'87-'88-'89-'890-'93-'94-'95-'96-1900-'01-'02-'06-'07-'08-'12-'13-'14-'18-'19-'20-'24-'25-'26.

We plan to have in attendance every possible man who is a member of the Reunion Classes. We urge every Alumnus to encourage other members of his class to attend. Everyone attending should extend his visit to Auburn throughout the Commencement. For those expecting to stay more than a day, a diligent effort will be made to provide comfortable quarters for their accommodation. Advance notice should be furnished us by those expecting rooms.

This will be the first time in years that so large a reunion of classes will be undertaken, and the cooperation of everyone anticipating a return upon this occasion will be greatly appreciated.

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## Auburn Clubs

THE AUBURN CLUBS, during the past three years, have been organized in every county in the State of Alabama, except three; namely, Russell, Butler, and Washington. In most every case the Clubs have had at least one annual meeting. Others met twice a year.

The West Point Club, during the three years, has held meetings every month.

At the last meeting the Atlanta Club decided to have luncheon meetings at 12:30 on Wednesdays of each week.

Quarterly meetings seem to be more practical and feasible. It doesn't seem unreasonable at all to have these meetings once every quarter for one hour at some regular appointed time, with a definite program worked out by the Secretary and President of the Club.

Many of the Clubs have adopted a Constitution and By-Laws co-ordinating with the Constitution and By-Laws with the general Association. When this is done a basis of procedure is established. Like the civic organizations, it seems wise that an election of officers should be held annually and that they should be expected to function.

So important is the work to be accomplished that members of each Club should go about the duties seriously. There are many fine things that can be done, which will bring profitable results to Auburn, and at the same time prove a benefit to each Alumnus. A few of the many things that can be accomplished are as follows:

- (1) Emphasize good fellowship.
- (2) Enlist every Auburn man in the jurisdiction of the Club.

- (3) Keep an up-to-date and correct list of addresses of the alumni of the Club.
- (4) Encourage every man in the Club to either pay his dues, or subscribe to the *Alumnus*.
- (5) Keep informed about worthy, desirable prospective students, and report their names and addresses to the college.
- (6) Consider from time to time the welfare of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and support and cooperate with the administration in every progressive step taken in behalf of the college.
- (7) Urge the correspondent of each Club to each month report regularly to the Alumni office, Auburn, Ala., changes of addresses of members leaving for other points or coming from other sections into his club. Any news items of interest pertaining to the Club respecting promotions of the men, change of business, distinctions or honors received, deaths, marriages, etc., should all be reported.

- (8) Give full consideration and support to the educational development of the State.

The points above mentioned will provide each Club with subjects for serious consideration, and cooperation in these matters will prove beneficial to our common interest.

It is hoped that every Club will be willing to enter upon this work with a serious purpose and cooperate with the Association to the end that worth-while results be obtained.

The Secretary plans to visit with each Club during the spring months, and will greatly appreciate the cooperation of the Alumni in their meetings and work. There has, perhaps, never been a time when the support of the Alumni will mean so much in carrying to great success the important tasks that are before us.

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WE CONGRATULATE the University of Alabama's magnificant 1930 football team which journeyed to the Rose Bowl and completely routed the Washington State Cougars, 24 to 0 on New Year's Day. This great victory followed a perfect record in Southern Conference competition by the Red Elephants during the fall. Such a showing no doubt gives the University credit for developing the greatest football team ever produced in the South.

Hundreds of Auburn alumni throughout the nation listened to the report of the game over radio and rejoiced with University supporters when the trick was turned so decisively in the second quarter.

## ALUMNI OBJECTIVES

To promote good fellowship and common interest in the welfare of all Auburn men.

To locate and enlist the cooperation of all former students.

To organize clubs everywhere sufficient numbers of men are located.

To secure the financial support of the organization.

To make the Alumni magazine an interesting and useful publication disseminating information about the association, the alumni, and the college.

To keep full and accurate alumni records as to locations, occupations, and achievements of Auburn men.

To answer promptly all letters received from the alumni giving every possible service and information desired.

To enlist efficiently organized support of the administration in encouraging worthy and ambitious young men from high schools each year to attend college.

To cooperate with and encourage in every way possible a hard-working, far-seeing President and an able corps of skilled and efficient professors.

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**Dr. Knapp and The Engineers** **A**MONG a thousand other major and minor things to do, President Knapp feels it a personal obligation to read abreast of the times in all fields, in all places. A newspaper editorial, "somewhat criticizing the Land-Grant Colleges because of the proportion of their engineering graduates who fail to follow the profession of an engineer, etc.," caught his eye the other day, and was the immediate cause of an extremely interesting defense of his own which appeared in the columns of *The Plainsman*. It merits further dissemination, so we pass it on:

"A technical education along any line never hurt anybody. I know a prominent lawyer who was educated in college as an engineer. His engineering education has helped him to win many cases because he is better posted on science and mathematics and the technical knowledge of engineering subjects than the lawyers with whom he comes in contact. They may know the law but he knows the law and engineering, too. It takes some knowledge of the subject on the part of the lawyer to get the expert information from the expert witness.

"I know men who graduated in agriculture and then became excellent doctors. Their chemistry, bacteriology, zoology, and other subjects in agriculture were of infinite benefit to them and their knowledge of practical things in agriculture certainly did not do them the least bit of harm. I know Engineering graduates who have become excellent business men.

"The task of deciding upon a vocation in life is a difficult one, one which you cannot always decide correctly before you start your college education. The problems of adjusting the education to the needs of an individual in his life's work are, after all is said and done, the most difficult problems we are trying to work out in a college course."

(Note the following article under this caption is reprinted from the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine.)

**WHEN** PRESIDENT HOPKINS told the American Alumni Council that the alumni body of a college is the college, he put into words an idea that has been living unexpressed in the minds of nearly all Dartmouth men. . . It is rather a magnificent thought to one who is a member of a college community to feel that the college at hand is but the symbol of interest and concern of thousands of alumni scattered over the earth. It thrills one to think that a piece of news bringing information of new achievement, progress, or deed well done will quicken the heart of the graduates, and it makes one realize as well the pain and chagrin that comes to these same hearts when the news of something unfavorable is reported. The success or non-success of athletic teams brings only ripples of pleasure or disappointment; serious letters begin to pour in to college officials only when alumni believe that changes in policy or administration are concerned. And while the college is the Alma Mater to its undergraduates it stands perhaps in the position of a favorite child to the alumni, and each alumnus who concerns himself with an expression of opinion regards the college as a thing distinctly his own. The sum total of this individual feeling of ownership marks the college as a symbol upon which is focused the attention and regard of the alumni.

And in saying that the college is the alumni one quickly disposes of a number of trite phrases such as "if it wasn't for the alumni we could do this or that," or "the alumni are a great nuisance," or "the alumni care only for football tickets." One need only edit an alumni publication and read the letters which come to the office,—letters which do not find their way into the "letter column" because of requests on the part of the writers. These letters for the most part show the greatest concerns in the really vital things of college—the curriculum, the health of the students, the maintenance of worthy traditions—and the tone of all letters is the tone of an anxious father solicitous for the welfare of a child.

—Dartmouth Alumni Magazine.

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**Two Issues In One** **U**NAVOIDABLE difficulties in financing the February issue has resulted in almost a month's delay in publication. Because of this, and to avoid delay in future issues, we have taken the liberty of combining this issue with that of March. This number carries almost twice the amount of alumni news regularly published in a single issue. We kindly solicit the indulgence of our subscribers, whose faithful support we deeply appreciate.

# Auburn Student Personalities

Every college in the country, we suppose, has its share of outstanding student personalities—young men and women whose activities in one line or another place them uniquely aside from their fellows. Auburn is not without her share of such creative individuals, and this story of Lucile Gibson intends to be the first of a group of these short studies.—EDITOR'S NOTE.

By P. O. DAVIS

**S**OMETIMES genius is found in the most unexpected places . . . by the side of the river banks . . . in the marshes . . . in the woods . . . in the public marts . . . beyond the dim horizon . . . it is not a question of geography."

Thus wrote an Alabama newspaper woman. She continued: "The other day we discovered such—little Lucile Gibson with her starry Irish gray-blue eyes and long black lashes, her peaches and cream complexion and jet black hair. A beauty if ever we met one, with talent plus."

And Lucile Gibson is now a student in applied arts at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. She was directed to Auburn by Miss Meta Grace, home demonstration agent for Tallapoosa County; and who, herself, received her college training at Auburn. She met Miss Gibson while visiting her relatives in Tallapoosa County. She was attracted by her, convinced of her ability to succeed in her chosen work, and she wanted to help her to get fundamental training.

At Auburn, Miss Gibson is studying different courses in applied art, giving special attention to water colors, and free-hand drawing.

She was reared on a farm at McKenzie, Alabama. Her mother is Mrs. Eula Gibson. Her father has been dead five years. She and her sister, Vernie (now Mrs. Charley Bryant of Tallassee, Ala.) began carving from Fuller's earth along banks of a creek near their home. Dolls were their first product; and they were made for Christmas presents.

## No Instructions

**M**RS. GIBSON, Lucille and Vernie have achieved success without instruction of any kind. They had their own natural talent; and have attained success to the extent

of being importuned by New York artists to study there and to send their products to the art galleries of the world for consideration.

Lucile continues with her story, "I've never had a teacher, and my sister and I learned what we knew just by watching our mother work with stone and clay. It was when we were tiny little tots that Christmas came and mother wanted to give some Christmas presents. She had no money to buy them and so she made little figures out of stone. To color them she used the berries from the trees and shrubs and this gave the little figures an artistic appearance.

"That was the beginning of our work," she continued, "and ever since then we have been working in stone and clay and anything we could find along the banks of the creeks and rivers.

## Paints from Nature

"We make the figures and then paint them from the natural scenery around us, the flowers and birds and everything that is pretty.

"But after we modeled our subjects the question of firing them confronted us. As we had no kiln it was difficult to make them permanent or durable. But presently, with mother's assistance, we built our own kiln and the glazed work we do now is really quite beautiful. In order to do this successfully we had to experiment with the different minerals, combining them with the soil and finding out which would last and hold water or other liquids. When we arrived at the solution of the matter we had all of our problems solved and firing and glazing became quite easy."

Lucile Gibson did not realize for a long time the value of her work until one day shortly before the death of her father, he put some of her little figures in his pocket as he started for Montgomery.

Arriving there, he found a friend of his to whom he showed the attractive little figures. Standing near them was an artist from New York who, overhearing the conversation and noticing the little stone and clay images, asked to see them.

The father of the talented child was delighted to let the stranger see the work and immediately he was requested to send some of the sculpture to New York for an exhibition. The result was that a box full of the

## SEVEN SPANN BROTHERS

**G**EORGE SPANN, member of the freshman class, is the seventh of the Spann brothers of Dothan, Ala., to take his college training at Auburn. George, the youngest, is enrolled in the general business course.

At least one of the seven brothers has been in attendance at Auburn every year since 1914 when Norman S. Spann, the oldest of the brothers, registered in the freshman class. He received a B.S. degree in 1918 and is now with the Spann Lumber Company of Dothan. P. Hugh Spann attended Auburn from 1918 to 1920. He is now associated with the Young Drug Company in Dothan. Jerome, the next in line, went to Panama City, Fla., with the Bay Manufacturing Company after graduating in 1922. He returned to Dothan, however, and is now with the Houston Manufacturing Company of that city.

Two of the brothers, James F. and Marcellus S. Spann, graduated together in 1926, both receiving B.S. degrees. The former is with the Spann-Marchman Hardware Company, and the latter with the Houston National Bank, both in Dothan. Raymond E. Spann finished at mid-term last year and returned to his home town to accept a position with the Malone-Slingluff Insurance Agency.

Six of the brothers were initiated into the Beta Theta Chapter of the Sigma Nu Fraternity at Auburn, and George is now a pledge to the fraternity.

beautiful figures was sent to the Holt Art gallery in New York, where every single one of them was sold and the comment of the artist world was most flattering.

"So many of the great artists in New York have insisted upon my going to New York to study after they had seen my work," said little Miss Gibson, "but, of course, I have never been able to indulge myself in such things. So I am still modeling at my home where the beautiful scenery affords me so many opportunities to reproduce it, but which I'd like to do more artistically and which I can never do without the proper instruction."

Some of the outstanding work Lucile Gibson has done includes life-size busts of Lincoln, Longfellow, Edgar Allan Poe and Mark Twain, and she has also done a beautiful Venus de Milo and George Washington. Besides these, "The Twins" and "The Golden Cup" are among her most artistic productions.



# ATHLETICS



By ELMER G. SALTER  
Sports Editor, A. P. I.

## Seven Leaders Lost To 1931 Track Team - But---

FROM LAST year's Auburn track team, undefeated in dual competition, Coach Wilbur Hutsell has lost seven important cogs.

It was definitely known last season that graduation would take four members of the team, but Mentor Hutsell had not taken a course in India in crystal gazing, he had only been across the waters as an assistant coach for the United States Olympic team, so it was quite a blow to him when two of his stars decided to enter the business world and another decided to pursue a law course and enrolled at George Washington University.

Carman Teague and James McClendon, "A" wearers in the half mile and two mile, Thos. Gaillard, pole vault, and Dave Bottoms, half mile, are the tracksters who were not expected back this year; Lawrence Chamblee, Southeastern A. A. U. champion in the century; Andrew Burnett, heavy point scorer in the broad and high jump, and Joe Hughes, third in the pole vault in the annual Southern Conference meet in Birmingham, all letter men, are the trio counted upon heavily this season who failed to return.

However, prospects for another outstanding track team at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute are not as gloomy as one might expect. With Wilbur Hutsell, one of the greatest track coaches in the United States, and Weems Baskin, one of the leading hurdlers in the universe, tutoring the thinly-clad aspirants, and with

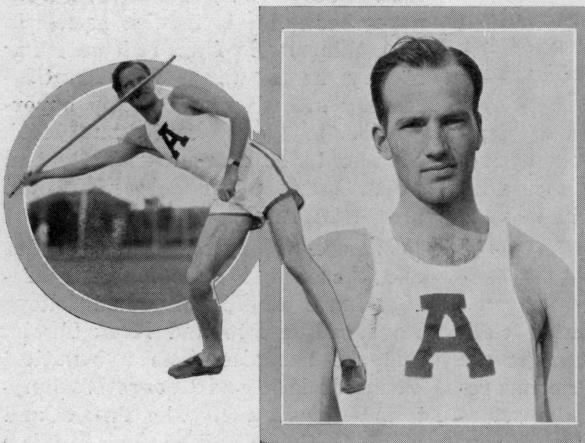
several of last season's veterans back, the 1931 Plainsman track team is again expected to be one of the leaders in Dixie.

Alt.-Capt. William "Primo" Coleman and Jack Stewart, star center on the basket-ball team, are the champions returning. Coleman was undefeated in Southern competition in 1930 in the discus event, while Stewart annexed first honors in the high jump at the Southern Conference meet.

The leading candidates for the 1931 team are: 100—Earnest Bell, Bill O'Hara, and Felix Creighton; 220—O'Hara and Creighton; 440—Clay Jones, Scott Turk, and Bell; 880—Eugene Gray, Elton Huff, W. McQueen, and Jones; mile—Howard Pitts, W. McQueen, and Huff; two mile—Clarence Roberts, Joe Plant, Joseph McQueen, and Hopson Murfee; 120-yd. high hurdles—Jeff Beard, Jack Stewart, and Robert Stacey; 220-yd. low hurdles—Beard, Stewart, and Bell; pole vault—George Boswell and Kenneth Hall; high jump—Stewart and Stacey; broad jump—O'Hara, Howard Ellis, Thurston Harwell, and Luther Matthews; shot-put—Alt.-Capt. Wm. Coleman, and Beard; discus—Coleman, Beard, and Robert Arthur; javelin—Capt. Sam Robinson, Carl Creel, Harbin Lawson, Paul Phillips. Lips.

### "STEALING OUR STUFF"

THE PERENNIAL question of who originated the "hidden ball" trick has again popped up, and is getting publicity from all sides. This particular time it is H. H. Smith '93 who, seeing "Believe It or Not" Ripley give Pop Warner credit for originating the play in his local paper, looked it up in Woodruff's *History of Southern Football*. There, on pages 40-41, he finds the truth about it—confirming his own belief. So he wrote Grantland Rice and Grantland ended



TRACK CAPTAIN SAM ROBINSON

### 1931 BASKET BALL

Auburn 39, South Carolina 21
Auburn 44, Clemson 20
Auburn 30, North Carolina State 28 (Overtime.)
Auburn 42, LaGrange "Y" 28
Auburn 27, Georgia 30
Auburn 36, South Carolina 16
Auburn 33, Clemson 37
Auburn 33, Georgia Tech 37
Auburn 26, Vandy 36
Auburn 44, Tulane 22
Auburn 51, Tulane 35
Auburn 49, Fort Benning 37
Auburn 42, Vandy 25
Auburn 40, Fort Benning 33

the matter once and for all by inserting the following in the "Sport-light", his famous syndicated column:

"Pop Warner says the old 'hidden ball under the jersey' play was first used by Cornell against Penn State, in 1898, when Pop was coaching Cornell. It was first used by Heisman of Auburn, against Vanderbilt, in 1895, at Nashville. Vanderbilt had scored a touchdown earlier. Auburn had the ball and Reynolds (Tich) Tichenor, of Auburn, an all-American quarterback who weighed 118 pounds, called an end run.

"He fell forward at the time as if hurt. He had stuffed the ball under a loose sweater and as both teams swept to the left, Tichenor got up and ran fifty yards to a touchdown. Heisman used the play later against Georgia, when Warner was coaching at Georgia. That's how the 'ball under the jersey' play later came to Cornell. It was a Heisman invention, but Pop Warner later used variations of the same play against Penn State and Harvard."

# AUBURN GRADS SUCCEEDING AS COACHES

**T**WO OF the few undefeated and untied high school teams in the State, which made strong bids for the State Championship, one of the leading prep school elevens in Dixie, and nearly a score of other teams with impressive records are coached by former Auburn athletes.

Dale County High, Ozark and Walker County High, Jasper, are the high schools which have finished their 1930 schedules without a single defeat or tie to mar their record in eleven games, while Southern Military Academy, Greensboro, has played outstanding junior college and freshman aggregations in Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia, and have annexed wins in every game

except the Thanksgiving tilt with Bowdon College, which resulted in a 6-6 deadlock.

Louie Tamplin who played football here and ran the quarter mile on Coach Wilbur Hutsell's track team, is coaching the Ozark gridlers; Ebb James, the oldest member of the famed twin-combination of Ebb and Fob who played football, basketball, and baseball, is tutoring Walker County, and Nurmi Nelson, who was quarterback on the gridiron eleven and speed demon on the thinly-clad team, is head coach at the Greensboro institution. Nelson was captain of Auburn's 1926 track team and James led the Tigers to a championship in baseball.

**T**HIS IS not the first season that the trio of above mentors has produced winning machines, but it is the initial year that they have not met defeat.

James played guard on the Tigers' 1928 hardwood quintet which won 20 and lost only two contests, both one-point decisions to the University of Mississippi, and has also proved his mettle as a cage mentor. He was coach of the Goodwater five last

year where he lost only four tilts in over twenty encounters.

Jimmie Hitchcock, brilliant half-back on Chet Wynne's 1930 Plainsman eleven, attended prep school at S. M. A., and received expert coaching from Nelson. Other Auburn football players who were coached by Nelson are Kenneth Phipps, varsity halfback, and the following freshman players: Ralph Garris, tackle; Fred Burge, center; James Kimbrell, halfback, and James Bumpers, fullback. The quartet of first-year performers have a good chance of breaking into the regular lineup in 1931.

Not only are Auburn-trained coaches putting teams on the field with undefeated and untied records, but in every section of the State teams coached by ex-Bengals have outstanding records, generally only one or two losses slightly marring the season.

Other former Auburn stars who have made good as coaches, and who have had winning teams this year are Dizzy Pruitt, Opelika; "Bully" Hitchcock, Geneva; Earl Smith, Langdale; Rupert Ingram, Goodwater; Fob James, Enterprise; Louie James, Athens; Edward James, Marion; Grady Long, Wetumpka; Howell Long, Hartselle; "Flivver" Ford, Falkville; Fred Sheridan, Dora; Stumpy Granger, Lee County High; "Rube" Alverson, Tuskegee; "Hardboy" Pruitt, Atmore; Frank DuBoise, Tallasse; Mitchell Harkins, Centerville, Joe Market, Gadsden.

**HURDLER BEARD**  
The smiling, long-legged civil engineer instructor, Percy Beard, captain of the Tigers' 1929 track team and one of the greatest hurdlers ever produced at Auburn by Coach Wilbur Hutsell, has invaded the East for the second consecutive year and has emerged with three first places in as many starts.

In the Millrose games at Madison Square Garden, he captured first in the 50-yard high hurdles, defeating Lee Sentman, Big Ten Champion, and in the Meadowbrook games in Philadelphia, he established a new meet record of 5.9 seconds in annexing first in the 45-yard hurdles, only one second short of a world mark.

He won his third race in the N. Y. A. C. games when he came ahead of the field in the 60-yard high hurdles, defeating A. G. Devoe, of Yale, who was second, several feet back.

## "MOON" DUCOTE ELECTED DIRECTOR MOBILE SPORTS

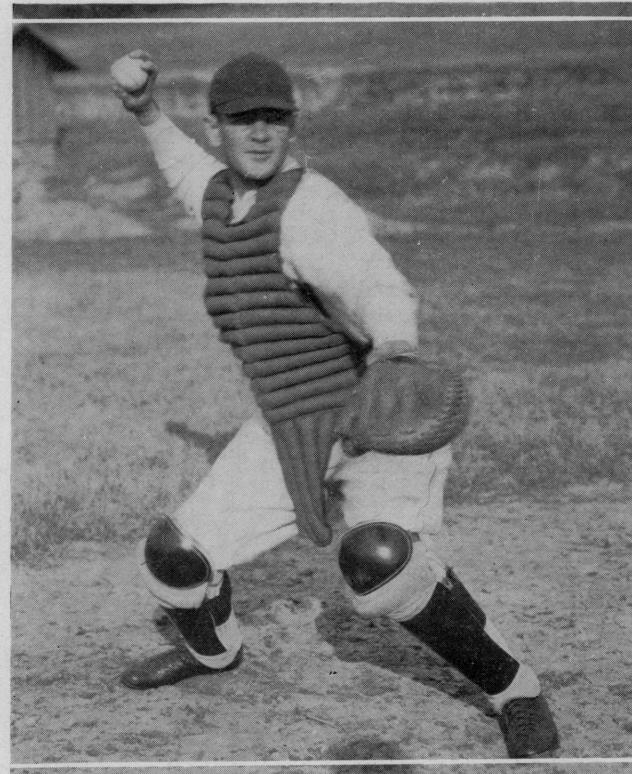
R. J. (Moon) Ducote, Spring Hill and Auburn alumnus, widely known athletic coach, and one time selected on Walter Camp's all-American football eleven, was recently unanimously elected director of athletics in the Mobile county public school system, by action of the board of school commissioners at a special meeting.

After receiving a degree from Spring Hill college, Ducote entered Auburn where he was selected on the all-Southern football elevens in 1916 and 1917. From Auburn he joined the Naval Reserves at the Cleveland training station, where in 1918 he was named on the all-American football team selected by Walter Camp. Ducote was later in charge of athletics at Spring Hill college and was an outfielder on the Mobile Bears baseball team one season. He afterwards went to Louisiana State University as assistant coach under Mike Donahue and from there to Loyola University as head coach.

Ducote, who lately has been engaged in business in New Orleans, will move to Mobile immediately to assume his duties in the newly created position in the public schools.



COACH TAMPLIN



COACH EBB JAMES

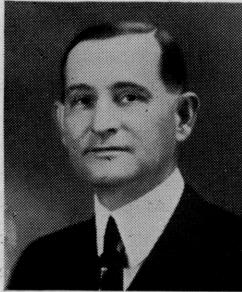
# What Became of the Classmates?

## 1885

A. F. Whitfield is president of the Clover Fork Coal Company, of Kitts, Ky.

## 1892

L. W. Payne is connected with the University of Texas, Austin, Tex. His home address is 2104 Pearl Street.



DR. C. A. BROWN

Charles Allen Brown '92 who was honored December 5, when the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools elected him its president for the coming year. Dr. Brown has been associate superintendent of the Birmingham Public Schools since 1921, and was President of the Association of Alabama High Schools in 1910.

## 1895

Walter R. Shafer, who may be reached at the Westbrook Hotel, Fort Worth, Tex., in thirty-five years of moving about, lost his diploma. He valued it. He wrote about it. Registrar B. L. Shi sent him another—and a good letter with it.

## 1900

M. F. Kahn is located at 349 Brown-Marx Building, Birmingham, Ala.

## 1901

J. Lionel Haas ex-'01 paid Auburn his first visit since 1899 this past Christmas. His address is 334 Moraine Road, Highland Park, Chicago, Ill.

## 1902

Dallas Tabor Herndon is with the Department of Archives and History at the State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Ark.

## 1903

Howard M. Kilpatrick's address is 519 West 121st St., New York City.

P. M. Marshall is connected with the Western Electric Co., as purchasing agent, 195 Broadway, N. Y.

## 1906

Edmund C. Bunker was elected worshipful master for the present year of the A. F. M., Franklin Lodge,

## Faculty Notes

Prof. L. N. Duncan, Director of Extension Service, spent a few days in Washington last month to make final arrangements for the distribution of Alabama drouth relief funds.

Prof. L. S. Judson, Speech Department, has an article on "Stressing the 'Exact' Audience Situation" appearing in last month's Speech Bulletin of the Quarterly Journal of Speech.

Dr. Leo Gosser, English Department, spent a portion of the holidays in Washington, D. C., attending the annual convention of the Modern Language Association.

The Hon. C. W. Ashcraft was the guest of President Knapp on Monday, Jan. 5.

Dean Petrie spent the holidays in Charlottesville, Va., with his father.

Coach and Director of Athletics Chester Wynne married Miss Grace D. O'Brien of Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.

Mayor Copeland and the Auburn town council voted "no rats day" for Jan. 10. Red Squill was placed in every home in the city.

Dr. Fred Allison's experimental project in physics quietly continues to attract nationally known scientists. Dr. and Mrs. F. Slack were vacation visitors to Auburn, and spent two days with Dr. Allison. Dr. Slack is professor of physics at Vanderbilt.

The mid-year Auburn faculty dance was held at the Opelika Country Club, Jan. 17. Charles W. Edwards was chairman.

No. 96, at their 70th annual communication at Charleston, S. C. Mr. Bunker is a government engineer at Charleston.

A belated news item comes to us concerning the appointment of Thomas B. Richardson to the position of chief engineer of the turbine and engine division of the engineering department of the Hartford (Conn.) Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company.

Richardson is a native of Albertville, and has had broad experience in the construction, erection, and operation of turbines. He entered the turbine department of General Electric, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1910, and has worked for this company in the field in the Middle West and South.

Chief among the country's best monthly magazines devoted to the teaching of English in elementary schools, is the **Elementary English Review**, edited at Detroit, Mich., by C. C. Certain. Mr. Certain received his E.E. from Auburn in 1907, and his M.A. from Teachers' College, at Columbia University in 1923.

Mr. Certain is not only editor and publisher of this official organ of the National Council of Teachers of English, but the author of "Standard Library Organization for Secondary Schools", published by the American Library Association, and of "Elementary School Library Standards",

also published by A. L. A., both of which books have won for him a recognized place in secondary school libraries. He has designed the libraries for more than 100 Detroit elementary schools, all the Detroit junior high schools, and all recently constructed senior high schools in Detroit.

By reason of his varied activities, Mr. Certain has been appointed chairman of the committee on examinations of the National Council of Teachers of English, and a permanent director in the same body. He may be reached at his home in Detroit, 4070 Vicksburg Ave.

## 1907

William Hardie, engaged in Life Insurance and Real Estate business, has moved from Mobile, Alabama, to Auburn. He remembered to pay a visit to the Alumni Office and favor us with a check for his annual dues.

We welcome Mr. Hardie to the Loveliest Village and wish him success.

Penrose V. Stout's address is 420 Lexington Ave., New York, N. Y.

## 1909

A. J. Roddy gives his address as 2317 Hawthorne Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

## 1910

James G. Gauntt's address is Hamilton National Bank Building, Chattanooga, Tenn.

## 1911

Edward Luckie Cummings is at Stewart, Alabama. He is engaged in farming and dairying.

A request to the registrar for information brings the present address of C. B. Ketcham which is Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Co., 201 Interurban Terminal Building, at 209 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio.

## 1912

Dr. T. B. Meadows, associate professor of educational psychology, Georgia State College for Women at Milledgeville, was a visitor to Auburn during the holidays. He has a B.S., 1911, and an M.S., 1912, from Auburn, and holds the M.A. degree from Peabody and Columbia and also the Ph.D. degree from Peabody College.

## 1913

J. P. Tomberlin, C.E., is now located at P. O. Box 2503, Amarillo, Tex., where he is chief engineer for the Texas Company.

## 1914

Eugene Mason Lindsey has moved clear across the continent for his new position as General Superintendent of the Natural Gas Properties Corporation of San Francisco, California. He may be reached at 200 Bush Street, in care of that firm.

Herbert Houston Farr, 3733 Banks, Brighton, Ala., is foundry foreman for the Stockham Pipe & Fittings Co.

John Wesley Lawler, who is farming, gives his address as Route 2, Opelika, Ala.

Frank Part Samford is secretary-treasurer for the Liberty National Life Insurance Company of Birmingham, Ala. His address is 517 North Twenty-second Street.

## 1915

Shirley Winfred Harris may be addressed at 208 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., where he is district salesmanager for the McWare Cast-iron Pipe Company of Birmingham, Ala.

## 1916

Captain Thomas C. Rives, Signal Corps officer, in charge of the Air Craft Radio Laboratory at Wright's Field, Dayton, O., recently visited his mother at her home on High St., Montgomery.

## 1919

Byron Andrew Wagnon, Shawmut, Ala., is a salesman for the Singer Auto Company, of LaFayette, Ala.

J. B. Murphy gives his present address as 5625 5th Ave., So., Birmingham, Ala.

John Thomas, E.E., is at present salesmanager for the McIntosh Seymour Corporation of New York, makers of Diesel engines. He may be reached at that address, Auburn, New York.

Miss Margaret (Peggy) West, little daughter of R. F. Redding, 524 W., Palmetto, S. C., arrived December 30, 1930. She is the granddaughter of the notable Samuel Arthur Redding of football fame in the early nineties at the A. P. I. Congratulations.

A copy of the first issue of the Tobacco News, published monthly as the official organ of the South Carolina Tobacco Grower's Marketing Association was mailed here the other day. Mr. Redding is now its chief accountant and editor at Florence, S. C. His letter, which came with the magazine, mentions seeing Victor Lewis '13 and G. R. Mays '18.

## Student Briefs

Under the leadership of J. W. Letson, Jr., the Sigma Pi fraternity won the annual Discussion Group Contest for the first semester of the present college year.

Mac Freeman, representative of the Evans Literary Society, won the annual declamation contest sponsored by Phi Delta Gamma, national professional forensic fraternity.

Both South and North Carolina quintets overpowered by Auburn's hardwood men. S. C., 39 to 21; N. C., 30-28 (after five minutes overtime play).

Auburn band has been invited to return to Mobile, February 13, to participate in the Mardi Gras celebration.

Jimmie Green was music maker for the Annual Mid-Term Dances which began Jan. 22. Seven fraternities opened their houses for the nine hundred feminine bid-getters. WAPI and WSFA broadcast eight and a half of the nineteen hours being played for. Sabel Shanks, chairman of the social committee; C. F. Davis and Geo. Brinson, decorators de luxe.

Howard Gray, president of the senior class, resigned from college in mid-year to take charge of the family farm and business.

## 1921

E. W. Sartain, formerly of Oakman, is now working with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, at Jacksonville, Fla.

Alex Ogden Taylor is engineer representative of the Luten Bridge Co., Concord, N. H.

## 1922

John K. Hodnette is developing engineer of the Westinghouse Electric Co., 346 Pridle St., Sharon, Penn.

Harry Stringfellow gives his address as Battery "A" First Battalion 83, F. A., Fort Benning, Ga.

Jackson Miller Dickinson is living at Billingsley, Ala.

Crawford Allen Rose may be reached now at his new address in Providence, La., as a Parish Agricultural Agent.

Ennis Augustus Davis is a Veterinarian for Miller & Davis at Columbus, Ga.

Samuel Marks Boykin, 412 Jackson Bldg., Birmingham, Ala., is an accountant for the Bankers' Fire and Marine Ins. Co. of that city.

H. I. West of Wooster, Ohio, is in the life insurance business.

Arch B. Dunwoody, general engineer for the Sutton Steele and Steele Co., is located at 4417 Southern Ave., Dallas, Tex.

Arthur Luna Welden, Chemist for the T. C. I. and R. R. Co., of Ensley, Ala., gives his address as 1100 Forty-fifth Court, West, Birmingham, Ala.

Zach T. Trawick is treasurer for the Marks and Betty Lumber Co., in Montgomery, Ala. His address is 217 Sayre St.

James Driskel Lawrence is at present a salesman for the DuPont Company of Lake Charles, La., and can be reached at 601 Brown-Marx Building, Birmingham. Mr. Law-

rence received his masters degree from Auburn in 1923.

Franklin S. Moseley '22 was ordained to Deacon's orders in the Methodist Church on January 20, at Kirby Hall, S. M. U., Dallas, Texas, by Bishop John M. Moore.

Moseley was, while at Auburn, Glee Club accompanist for 1919-20-21. He is a Sigma Nu, and a son of Franklin M. Moseley '92, who was the first E. and M. engineer ever graduated at A. P. I., also a Sigma Nu. Mr. F. S. Moseley is also brother of Robert S. Moseley '28, who was student secretary to the Y. M. C. A., and to Henry D. Moseley '32, student now on campus.

Moseley is active in campus affairs at S. M. U., being at present a cabinet member of the Y. M. C. A. there. His address is 3112 Cornell Ave., Dallas, Texas.

## 1923

Andrew Malone of 1900 South 49th Ave., Chicago, Ill., is electrical engineer of the Western Electric Co., Chicago, Ill.

Miss Florence Tims is home economics teacher in Sidney Lanier High School, Montgomery, Ala.

William Clenie Simmons is practicing human medicine for Hutchinson-Moore Lumber Co., at Fauke, Miss., at present. In the near future he is moving to Louin, Miss. He received his M.D. in 1927 from the University of Tennessee.

Zach Savage is now working on his M.S. degree in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. He hopes to get his degree in June, 1931. While at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute he got his B.S. in Agriculture. He was an "A" man in basket ball in 1923. After he received his B.S. from A. P. I. he taught and coached athletics at Southern Industrial Institute, Camp Hill, Ala., for six years.

Raleigh Manning Willingham, at present a chemist for the Lakey Foundry and Machine Co., gives his address 1035 First St., Muskegon, Mich.

Mr. Lemmie Lee Williams, and Mrs. Williams, class of '27, were recent visitors to the Alumni Office. Mr. Williams is now with the Delaware Agricultural Extension Station, Neward, Del. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Thomas of Infield, N. C.

Dewey William Stutts gives his address as 2241 Westport Ave., Overbrook, Pittsburgh, Pa. He is a draftsman for the Gulf Refining Company of that city.

## 1924

John S. Cross ex-'24 sends his address as 1902 College St., Columbia, S. C.

## 1924

Walter Gordon Beasley gives his address as P. O. Box 830, Tyler, Tex. Walter is A. F. E. Estimator for the St. Louis Southwestern Railway.

Mr. Kennedy W. Grimsley, corner 419 Street and Fourth Avenue, Health Building, Birmingham, Ala., formerly Assistant Sanitary Engineer for Jefferson County, has been promoted to Director Publicity Statistics by the Board.

Henry L. Mellen has been with the DuPont Powder Company since September, 1924. His first year he was stationed in Birmingham and was then moved to South Carolina and Tennessee where he has been doing sales work. Mr. Mellen was an "A" man during his undergraduate days, having been baseball manager in 1924. He can be reached at 1712 Yale Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

Margaret Ellen Wilber gives her address as Plaquemine, La.

## 1925

J. F. Jordan, 205 Washington Court, Indianapolis, Indiana, on a recent visit to Auburn called by the Alumni Office and enrolled for a life membership in the Alumni Association.

He has, since leaving college, been continuously associated with the General Electric Company. His first station was at Lynn, Massachusetts. Later he transferred to Schenectady, New York. Afterwards he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and from thence to Indianapolis. He is engaged in the general sales work for the company and is making a splendid record. We appreciate his visit and hope to see him again soon.

## 1925

William Frank Powell is a chemist for the Pittsburgh Testing Laboratory at 401 Phoenix Building, Birmingham, Ala.

Edward Joseph Hugensmith has sent in his new address, 1101 South Twenty-Eighth St., Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Hugensmith is an Accountant for the State Highway Department.

James Edwin Hines, now a salesman for the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, Ohio, is living at 1105 Elm Ave., Americus, Ga. Mr. Hines was an "A" man in baseball in 1924.

## 1926

Rudyard Douglas Bowling gives his permanent address as 5 Chidester Ave., Mobile, Ala. At present he is foreman of the Ideal Laundry.

Robert Brown, son of Mrs. Mittie Brown, vice-consul at Bagdad, Iraq, who is at home for a visit after two years in Bagdad, was principal speaker at the Rotary Club recently, relating personal experiences and impressions. Mr. Brown is a graduate of the Dothan city schools and of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute and has distinguished himself since he became attached to the American consulate service.

## 1927

S. W. Harbin is now Chief Draftsman, Third Division, for the State Highway Department, at Montgomery.

Joseph Miles Edwards, Tuskegee, Ala., recently visited the Alumni Office. He is now engaged in the Oil and Automobile business. Joseph is a loyal Auburn man and a wide awake business man. He is married and has a little daughter, Wilsie Lee.

Royce C. Crawford recently visited on the campus, meeting old friends and observing the changes about Auburn and the college. He now lives in Philadelphia, Pa. For the first two years after leaving college he was employed by the Birmingham Water Works in the constructing engineering department. He is now with the General Electric Company in the switch gear department.

J. E. Robinson is coaching in Stevenson, Ala.

Norman A. Nielsen's new address is War Department, United States Engineer Office, Post Office Building, Savannah, Ga.

Two former Auburn students, Curry Street, of Anniston, and Norman Harris, of Decatur, both of the class of '27, are upholding the good name of the institution at the University of Virginia where they are now doing graduate work.

Mr. Street, who receives his doctorate in physics next June, is leading his class. Mr. Harris stands at the head of his law class, according to information received at the Alumni Office of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

## 1928

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice M. Payne, the latter who will be remembered as Martha Wilson, will be interested to hear of the arrival of a lovely little daughter for them, Jan. 20, 1931, at the Providence Infirmary. This little maid will bear the name of Kay Payne.

G. C. Costen is located in Georgia, Ala.

Richard B. Evans is located at 1116 Cullom St., Birmingham, Ala.

Ewell Allbritton Conwell, Life Underwriter for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, sent in his address, 148 Frances, Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Conwell while in college was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, on the Social Committee, and a member of the Cajoler Staff. Mr. Conwell informed us of his marriage to Miss Rhona Meriwether of Birmingham, Ala., on August 19, 1930. We congratulate him.

Norman C. Wood is now principal of Laniers Consolidated School at Childersburg, Ala. He played baseball during the years '26, '27, '28.

Geo. L. Moulton has moved to Montgomery, Ala., where he is connected with the Roquemore Gravel Co. of that city.

Charles W. Haynie writes to inform us that he has changed positions since we were last informed and is now associated with the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Company, 385 Madison Ave., N. Y. City, as statistician, and may be reached at that address.

Leslie F. Sawyer is now associated with the Jackson and Curtiss firm of 115 Broadway, New York City, underwriters and distributors of investment securities.

## 1929

Frank Payne Currie is assistant manager of the Atmore Milling & Elevator Co., Atmore, Ala.

Henry Neal Coleman, Jr., is connected with the highway engineering department, Fort Deposit, Ala.

George T. Stafford, Jr., gives his address as 1410 So. 11th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

Ned W. Geist is an engineer for the Westinghouse Electric Co. He gives his address at 7469 Schoyer Ave., Swissvale, Pa.

Arthur Lee Spence is farming at Veto, Ala.

Cecil Claude McMillan is a druggist at Johnson City, Tenn.

## 1930

James Leonard Huey gives his address as Route 1, Box 63 Bessemer, Ala.

Otis William Bynum is connected with the Carner Engineering Corporation, Newark, N. J.

Margaret Clayton Mast is a teacher in Glade Springs, Ga.

Terrell Cantrell is vocational agriculture teacher in Eva, Ala.

# From The Alumni Mail-Bag

## Gilmer A. Allison '86

Gilmer A. Allison '86 may not be aware of it, but his letter to us, but recently received, indicates that the day of miracles is not past. There is, preceding his name in the class rolls of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute, catalogue Vol. XII, No. 7, and dated September 1917, one small asterisk—which according to the footnote "shows the person is deceased". Therefore, for his own sake, and the sake of his friends, we are glad at this time to do a little job of resurrection and report a slight exaggeration.

Mr. Allison is at present book-keeper for the West End Masonic Bodies, at West End Station, Birmingham, and may be written to at 105 So. Pearl St., there, or at P. O. Box 65, West End.

He takes the trouble to recall for us most of the members of his class, and does so from memory, adding the addresses in most instances. Mr. Allison was a member of the old "A" group of Auburn, having played on the baseball team while in college.

Because his letter adds reminiscences of value, it is here reprinted:

"In reading **The Alumnus** for October, I read of the meeting of Messrs. A. J. Mitchell and Joe Callaway of '81 both of whom I well remember. Also J. D. Trammel and Clarence Ousley of the same class. I was of the class of '86, when the above named gentlemen were 'The Big Boys'. I was one of 'The Little Boys'. The former are now around 65 and we are around 62.

"I meet with the fellows of the eighties occasionally. I ran across one of my classmates, A. F. Whitfield, recently, and we 'show' for the first time in 44 years.

"(To Editor J. V. Brown) God bless you in your work, yours for old Auburn."

## WALTER R. SHAFER '95

"I am indeed very thankful to have received your letter and renew an estimable friendship which has meant so much to me throughout the intervening years since we were associated at college. Those were very happy days. When you mention the names of Dr. Petrie, Prof. Crenshaw, Dr. Cary, and others, reminding me that the town had kept apace with modern municipal development, it at once arrests my attention. I would love so much to see just how these

changes would look to one so accustomed to the sandy and rocky streets of the '90s.

"Having been out of intimate touch with the institution and the graduates so long, I have some doubt that I may be of service to you in giving information of value for the preparation of your records. With reference to the two deaths that you mention of the class of 1895: viz., Frank Boykin and Herbert Taylor. Frank Boykin lived in Auburn, his father was the constable of the town; I did not know that he was dead. Herbert Taylor, as I now remember, was killed some few years after leaving college and it is my best guess that if you will communicate with Dr. J. N. McLean, (whom I note, from the memo inclosed me, is practicing medicine at Hayneville, Alabama) he can doubtless give you some definite information with reference to him. Also, Dr. McLean can give you some information with reference to Dr. S. L. Coleman, my information was some years ago, they were practicing medicine at Uniontown, Alabama.

"Charles Linn, whose address is noted as "unknown" is an egnima to me. I have made several inquiries about him, even some few years after he had graduated, and no one seemed to know what became of him. I think that his sister, Miss Mary George Linn (Mrs. W. G. Brantley, Brunswick, Ga.) with whom Mrs. Petrie was acquainted, married some congressman from Georgia some time about 1900. These may be starting points for you in unravelling the twisted yarn. It is a source of pleasure for me to know that P. H. Smith is located so near me, in Dallas; when I go over there I will look him up and renew a very pleasant acquaintance. If it is your idea—the idea of the Alumni Association—to complete and permanently record each alumnus, I would like to get a copy of this report when it is completed if they are to be distributed."

## Henry Hinds Peevey '95

Henry Hinds Peevey, B.S., 1895, M.S., 1896, Harvard Law School, 1899, P. O. Box 426, Parkersburg, West Virginia, is a crude oil producer. In his undergraduate days he participated in Field Athletics, 1894, 1895, and in the first track meet ever held upon the Auburn campus, he was champion.

Hinds writes us that he is yet a

"bachelor, still living in the unadulterated bliss or hope". He further says, " 'Widdy', tell the 'widders' 'Barkiss is willin'."

## I. F. McDonnell '99

In the January issue of the **Alumnus** we carried an item about I. F. McDonnell under the year, 1800. By the kindness of T. G. Bush, Chattanooga, Tenn., we are able to correct this error. Mr. McDonnell was a graduate of 1899. His address is 1201 Comer Building, Birmingham, Ala.

## Ed. Bukofzer '00

From Ed. Bukofzer, The Wyndham, 42 West 58th St., New York City:

"Received the last copy of **The Alumnus** and it is very good. In your next issue please credit me for paying my dues.

"No doubt you have read all about the new invention of our old friend 'Hutch', but I am sure the enclosed clippings will prove of interest to his Auburn friends, especially Dr. Wilmore.

"By the way, I see where my old friend 'Cliff' Hare was elected to head the Conference. Congratulations.

"Kindly convey to all my Auburn friends the compliments of the Season."

## M. W. Kyser '00

From M. W. Kyser, 908 Lynch Building, Jacksonville, Fla.:

"The friends of Auburn in this vicinity appear to be well pleased with football results during the past season and seem to feel that we have at last secured an able coaching staff. We are expecting to see Auburn take her rightful place in athletic circles during the next few years.

## R. B. Shepherd '00

From R. B. Shepherd, Berkeley Court Apartments, Charleston, S. C.:

"Your letter of the 13th inst. was forwarded to me from Birmingham. I take pleasure in sending check for present for Chet Wynne. I trust that the other alumni will 'kick in' and that you will be able to get a present worthy of the recipient.

"Before receiving your letter I had been talking to the owner and manager of this apartment about his son, who expects to go to college next year to study architecture. I told him of Auburn and of the splendid architectural course that I understand we now have. Please have catalogue and other information sent him.

"I am here only for a few months. My address is still Birmingham."

## S. A. Redding '00

From S. A. Redding, 2125 Harrison St., Oakland, Cal.:

"Yours of December 13th, telling of the wedding of our wonderful new coach, on December 27th was received yesterday—several days overdue. I consider it an honor and privilege to be allowed to contribute toward a suitable bridal present to the 'Man of the Hour' at Auburn. I enclose money order to cover amount mentioned and also past dues to the Alumni Association.

"I have been following Auburn's amazing progress—(improvement) since Wynne took charge and I take this occasion to say that at the rate Auburn improved this past season over the past three or four years, it will not be more than two seasons before I confidently expect to have the pleasure of seeing our team in action at Rose Bowl at Pasadena on New Year's Day.

"With best wishes to all for a very happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

## C. S. RIPLEY '07

Combining a little item of personal interest with one of more general note, we present this reaction to our story of the boarding houses, or "ranches", more properly. Mr. C. S. Ripley calls this error to our attention, and we wish that many other errors which are undoubtedly made from time to time, would be so dealt with. Shell Toomer promised us the other day a "real story about the real old 'ranches,'" so look for it in these columns.—Editor.

"I notice that under the heading of 'What Became of My Classmates' in the January issue, you listed me as Sales Manager of the Mueller Electric Co. I was under the impression that I wrote you a few weeks back that I left the Mueller Electric Co. on September 1st, and am now a Manufacturer's Agent, handling electric material with my office at 3110 Payne Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. I suggest that you show this change in address in one of the coming issues.

"In my opinion all of the issues of the *Auburn Alumnus* are most interesting to any Alumnus who is really interested in the college, its present activities and in the activities of prominent Alumni of years gone by. Personally, I enjoy every page.

"It was of great interest to me to read the article 'Some of the Old Boarding Houses'. It was somewhat of a shock, however, to hear them spoken of as 'Boarding Houses' as

somehow in my mind I never associated my home in Auburn at Terrell's Ranch with a boarding house. In the first place, it is my recollection that in those days no student spoke of them as 'boarding houses', but always as 'ranches'. It would seem to me that the use of the phrase 'Terrell's Ranch' or 'my ranch' has a certain appeal and significance that you do not feel should you speak of 'Terrell's Boarding House' or 'my boarding house'. At least that is the way I recollect we felt about it back in 1904 to 1907. In your write-up about Mrs. Terrell's there was a little mix-up on the matter of time. You spoke of Mrs. Terrell having moved to Auburn in 1901, but later spoke of her having operated her ranch only twenty years. Tell Mrs. Terrell that I am not trying to check up on her age, or add ten years, but really it should be thirty years. In the article, mention was made of Mattie Drake, the cook, whom I remember and also of the negro man who did the work about the lawn as having been there 23 years. As I remember it the house boy at Terrell's in 1907 was 'Talmadge'. I would be interested in checking up with Mrs. Terrell to see if my memory serves me right.

"I have only been fortunate enough to get back to Auburn about three times since graduation, but remember these visits with a great deal of pleasure and particularly my visits with Mrs. Terrell, and the meals enjoyed with her and her family on these visits. It never entered my head to offer to pay Mrs. Terrell for the meals that I enjoyed with her on these visits as I really felt in a way that I was returning home for a visit and I know that Mrs. Terrell must have felt that she was welcoming back one of "her boys" from her attitude and apparent pleasure in seeing us return. I mention this to show why I have never considered that I stayed at a boarding house when at Auburn.

"It was not my idea in writing the above that this letter should be published, as when I started out I had no idea of covering the subject that I have. I would like for you to note in the magazine the change in my address and occupation, and if you have the opportunity, I would like for you to give my best regards and love to Mrs. Terrell and her family."

## Cyril T. Tucker '19



Cyril T. Tucker '19 now president of Tuck stone, Inc., designers and builders of artistic small houses, wrote us a long letter the other day modestly stating that we might mention him but requested that we publish none of his letter. All is grist that comes to this mill, however, so here grind the gods for we know Mr. Tucker's friends will enjoy this information:

"I received with pleasure your letter asking me for some information about myself for the *Alumnus*, and requesting a copy of our humble folder. I feel very flattered about both requests. As to the information you requested, I was in the class of '19, but left in June, 1918, for the Fort Sheridan training camp. Got my commission in September and was sent to New Orleans as First Lieutenant, 121st Corps, N. Y. N. G.

"After the war I went out on a sugar plantation, until the big drop in sugar prices after the boom put them on the rocks. Then to Cuba for six months in the sugar industry there, as chemist, where things were worse. Then back to Mobile for a few months, married Betty Worth of Rochester, and after a short time came to Rochester, in 1922, where I have been since.

"I have built an average of \$250,000 worth of houses a year for the past three years.

"Those days at Auburn were certainly the most pleasant I have to look back on, even if "Peavine" did get mad when we went to sleep in Ag classes, and P. P. Powell did flunk us in Chem. Lab. I was through Auburn last year between Christmas and New Year's day, and although everyone was away, I spent an enjoyable day browsing around and recalling fond memories.

"I wasn't able to engage in many activities while I was at Auburn, because I had to work my way through, but managed to be in the Glee Club, and was drum major of the band. I was a member of the Mobile football team, which played the Selma football aggregation on Drake field and lost. However, both teams were on their backs for the next three or four days, on 'Doc. Drake's fields'.

"I was an A. T. O., and incidentally, we have recently formed a Rochester Association of A. T. O. Alumni.

Most of the men are from northern schools, however. I have one little boy four years old, who is active enough and mischievous enough for four or five.

"Tell Prof. Shi that I thank him for his interest and I appreciate your writing me, and would ask that you tell any of my classmates that I am thinking of them, but I wouldn't advise you to publish any of the above drivel."

**A**MONG THE choicest memories of the college professor are those of his students who, from year to year, at no ever certain time, send him word from wherever they may be what they are doing and thinking. A card from the old home town at holidays, a clipping from a newspaper or magazine telling of present activity, a letter which may do no more than call to mind the fact that once upon a time so-and-so was a student under your tutelage. . . There is a certain unnameable satisfaction for him in this. William Revel, in England now, wrote his "old professor", John A. C. Callan, an interesting letter. We want you to read it:

"Dear 'Fesser':

"Your wandering student, a poor one seemingly, has at last come to rest in London.

"I failed to get in Princeton for the simple reason of French and Greek. How could I pass them never having taken either?

"The other day in Munich I saw an exhibition that would have delighted you no end. There were working models of all kinds of bridges and what's more the guard asked me to work them. They were marvelous in their detail and finish. Of course I immediately started figuring moments and drawing up stress and strain diagrams. The Germans know their theory and concrete.

"Of course I had to see the Passion Play while in that country. It is the most wonderful show on earth. Though I rival Methusalem in age, every detail of it will remain clearly in my mind.

"On my way back to Paris I came through Freidericschafen and saw the Graf Zeppelin. My, but she is an enormous ship, yet she only carries twenty passengers.

"To me the most interesting things of the summer have been the battle fields, the museums, the beautiful cathedrals, the Passion Play, the Alps, and the Black Forest of Germany. Volumes could be written on these places, some of which are sad and depressing and others which are beautiful and inspiring. I'll have to tell

you more about them when I see you. I am trying to make the Mid-term dances.

"Don't give the boys too many problems in Theory and Concrete for Monday and try once in a while to have a kind thought for your old pupil.

"With warmest regards and memories of many happy days spent under your tutelage,

"WILLIAM REVEL,  
"Batt's Hotel,  
Dover Street, W. I.,  
London, England.

(October 4, 1930.)

### WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

#### Elizabeth Young '25

On Friday afternoon, December 12, Lawrence L. Johnson of Greensburg, Kansas, was married to Miss Elizabeth Young '25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Young of Auburn.

Mrs. Johnson received her degree in home economics, and is a member of the Chi Omega Sorority. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Cumberland University, Cumberland, Tenn., and is a member of the Alpha Sigma Pi Fraternity. He is associated with a large firm of jewelers.

#### Charles Kelso '28

Mr. R. C. Johnson, of Birmingham, announces the marriage of his daughter, Robbie Rhyne, to Charles Kelso, Jr., '28, of that city, formerly of Montgomery.

The wedding took place on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the Sixth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Dr. J. M. Broady read the wedding services.

After a wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Kelso will be at home in Birmingham, where his work as chemical engineer is located.

The groom is a graduate of Alabama Polytechnic Institute and is identified in Montgomery, in religious and social circles. He is a member of Sigma Pi and Phi Delta Kappa fraternities.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### Mrs. Charles R. Hixon '15

A beloved Auburn citizen, Mrs. Charles R. Hixon '15, wife of Professor Hixon, was buried here Wednesday morning when more than 300 friends and relatives attended the funeral. Mrs. Hixon died late Monday night following an emergency operation in a Montgomery hospital.

Mrs. Hixon was taken to Montgomery for treatment shortly before

her death. The seriousness of her condition was not generally known and her sudden death cast a pall of sadness over the entire town.

Surviving are her husband, Prof. Charles R. Hixon; one son, Charles, Jr., age 7; a daughter, Emily, age 11; her mother, Mrs. L. A. Terrell of Auburn; a brother, Avery Terrell of Birmingham; and one sister, Mrs. C. A. Basore of Auburn.

The Rev. Bruce McGehee of the Auburn Methodist Church officiated. Pallbearers were Dr. George Petrie, Prof. B. L. Shi, Dean J. J. Wilmore, Prof. W. W. Hill, Prof. A. L. Thomas, Prof. C. D. Killebrew, Prof. C. L. Hare, Dr. Fred Allison, and Prof. Herman D. Jones.

#### John Wills '95

John Wills '95 died at his home in Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 13. He was an official of the Alabama Natural Gas Corporation, and had just obtained for his company the natural gas franchise in Auburn and Opelika on the eve of his death. He received the degree of M.E. in '96.

#### Robert Lauder

Robert Lauder, 24, of Foley, Ala., and first-year engineering student at Auburn, died at the Providence Infirmary, November 29, as a result of injuries received Thanksgiving Day in an automobile wreck 15 miles from Evergreen. Allard Hanson, of Evergreen, with whom Lauder was riding, is said to have lost control of the car, causing the car to overturn.

Born of Scotch parents in Canada in 1906, Lauder came to Baldwin County in 1911, and was graduated from the Foley High School in 1923. Last year he was assistant manager of Riviera Utilities Corporation.

#### T. C. HUGHES '10 WILL DESIGN MODEL HOME FOR 1931

Talmage C. Hughes '10 continues to be the object of honors. Now the Detroit Builder's Exhibition, Inc., has selected him to design its 1931 Model Home.

Mr. Hughes took his academic work at Auburn then taught two years here in architectural subjects. In 1911-12 he continued his studies at Columbia and followed this by working in architectural offices in Chicago until 1915.

He was with the 310th Engineers in Russia during the war, returning to practice in Detroit. He is a member and director of the Michigan Society of Architects and has, through his editorship of the *Architect's Bulletin* (see *Alumnus*, October 1930), become well known. He is a member of the Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

# Have You Read These Books?

PURSUANT to our policy of including in this list each month the new books on various subjects of interest to alumni of Auburn, we submit the following for your February reading. Professors Biggin of the School of Architecture, Allison of Physics, Rutland of English, and Judd of Education are the chief contributors of titles to these lists, and it is their ambition to have purchased by the end of this new semester, all the books which have been and will be here listed. Already the greater portion are available on the library shelves, and Miss Martin's files show a greatly improved record in student circulation during the past three months—the impetus, it is hoped, being given by the addition of so many excellent volumes to the stacks.

#### BIOGRAPHY—

*Browning*—G. K. Chesterton  
*Father and Son*—Edmund Gosse  
*Edgar Allan Poe*—J. W. Krutch  
*Mid-Channel*—Ludwig Lewisohn  
*John Keats*—Amy Lowell

#### ECONOMICS—

*Lombard Street*—Walter Bagehot  
*Chartism*—Thomas Carlyle  
*Economic Problems*—Fairchild and Compton  
*Our Competitors and Markets*—Lahee  
*On Utilitarianism*—J. S. Mill

#### ENGINEERING—

*The Engineer—His Work and His Education*—Sackett  
*John Edson Sweet*—Smith  
*An Autobiography*—Brashear  
*An Autobiography*—Lamme  
*Charles Proteus Steinmetz*—Hammond

#### HISTORY—

*Short History of the English People*—Green  
*Democracy and Liberty*—Lecky  
*America Finding Herself*—Mark Sullivan  
*Outline of History*—H. G. Wells  
*Six Years with the Texas Rangers*—J. B. Gillett

#### LITERARY CRITICISM—

*Essays in Criticism*—M. Arnold  
*The Art of Poetry*—Ker  
*Shelburne Essays*—More  
*Literary Essays*—Woodberry  
*Essays and Studies*—Swinburne

#### ORIENTATION—

*Significance of the Fine Arts*—American Institute of Architecture  
*Forgotten Shrines of Spain*—Byne  
*The Greek View of Life*—Dickinson

*Art in Everyday Life*—Goldstein  
*The Essence of Architecture*—Greely

#### PHILOSOPHY—

*Thunder and Dawn*—Frank  
*Education for a Changing Civilization*—Kilpatrick  
*The Human Mind*—Menninger  
*The Modern Temper*—Krutch  
*Why We Misbehave*—Schmalhausen

#### SCIENCE—

*The Earth and the Stars*—Abbott  
*Chemistry in the Nineteenth Century*—Armstrong  
*Concerning the Nature of Things*—Bragg  
*Cosmic Evolution*—Boodin  
*Living Things*—Clement

#### SOCIAL CRITICISM—

*Culture and Anarchy*—Arnold  
*Shelley, Godwin, and their Circle*—Brailsford  
*The American Road to Culture*—Counts  
*Pillars of Society*—Ibsen  
*The Critique of Humanism*—Grattan

## MID-YEAR DANCES

The annual mid-term dances, January 22, 23, 24, were this year stimulated by a greatly augmented importation of girls from Alabama and adjoining states and nineteen hours of orchestration by Jimmie Green's dance band from Chicago. This is the latter's initial appearance this far south.

The dances were staged in the Alumni Gymnasium immediately after the close of the first semester's activities, and were successful mainly through the immediate chairmanship of Sabel Shanks. Ten hours of the festivities were broadcast over WAPI and WSFA.

## TRAINING IN RADIO TECHNIQUE PROPOSED BY PROF. JUDSON

Impetus has already been given a non-credit course in Radio Announcing and Station Management being planned for Auburn students under the direction and guidance of Prof. L. S. Judson, head of the speech department, P. O. Davis, and Kirtley Brown. Bibliographical background has been prepared for the course, and the new department of speech course began its more extensive work after the New Year. Twenty students have already registered.

## PERCY MacLEAN MARSHALL '03 HOLDS RESPONSIBLE POSITION

PERCY MacLEAN MARSHALL '03 now holds a position as purchasing agent for the Western Electric Company in New York. Here, in brief, are the steps by which Mr. Marshall came to New York.

Born in Rome, Ga., September 27, 1883, Mr. Marshall came to Auburn via the public schools of Rome and the Benedict Memorial Institute. He received his undergraduate degree here in 1903 and his M. E. at Georgia Tech the following year. At Auburn he was successively corporal, sergeant, first lieutenant, and quartermaster, ending as line captain. He was made assistant business manager of the Glomerata and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity before graduation.

For two years following graduation, Mr. Marshall was connected with various concerns in Georgia and Alabama, associating with the General Electric Company in 1905. His first position was that of engineering student, holding various positions during the next eight years until he was made head of the production branch of the New York shop in 1913.

From then until 1917 he was in the Manufacturing Department at Hawthorne, when he was put in charge of production work on special war materials. He has been variously Purchase Engineer and Purchase Supervisor, and is now one of three head Purchasing Agents in New York.

Mr. Marshall was married in 1910 and has one child, MacLean Marshall, 18. William Audley Marshall '91, whose death was recently noted in these pages, was a brother.

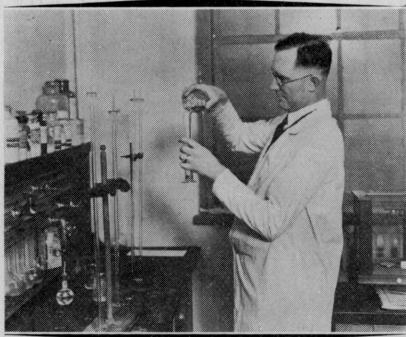
## AUBURN GRADUATE WILL INSTALL LIGHT PLANT

Arthur P. Nesbett, who graduated at Auburn in 1922 in electrical engineering, has obtained a franchise from the town of Waterloo, in Lauderdale County, to install and operate an electric light plant, which he estimates will cost \$10,000. Nesbett is moving to Waterloo from Columbia, Tenn., where he was associated with Buford Brothers of Nashville, prior to which he was with the Alabama Power Company.

## YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS

The alumni office wants the correct address of every Auburn man. When your address is changed, kindly drop us a card. Otherwise, we can only continue sending mail from the college to your old location.

# Brand New Source of Carbon Developed By Dr. C. A. Basore



Dr. Basore in His Laboratory

IN THE Auburn chemical laboratories there has been developed a new process for the manufacture of decolorizing carbon from the residue of cottonseed hulls after xylose is removed. The work was done by Dr. C. A. Basore '14, professor of chemistry, as an engineering experiment station project, and application for patent has been made in the name of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

#### Cooperative Project

The achievement came as a second result of the xylose research work started two years ago at Anniston, Alabama, by chemists of Auburn, the University of Alabama, and the U. S. Bureau of Standards in cooperation with the Swann Corporation. When the xylose research work was completed, Dr. Basore took the residue and developed his process for converting it into a special carbon for decolorizing purposes.

After completing his manufacturing process, Dr. Basore ran numerous tests in which he compared cottonseed hull carbon manufactured in the Auburn laboratories with 11 different carbons made in the United States and abroad. These tests were conducted for several months, using iodine which is extensively used for such tests, and also brown sugar. Where iodine was used, the cottonseed hull carbon was found to be superior to any of the other carbons, and where brown sugar was used it compared most favorably.

#### Manufacture Probable

Following the patent extensive use of cotton seed hulls for the manufacture of carbon is probable. If the business develops as expected a large new demand for cottonseed hulls will have been created, thereby opening up a new outlet for a portion of the South's most important farm crop—cotton.

In addition it will stimulate the

use of cottonseed hulls in the manufacture of xylose, for carbon made this way will become a by-product of the xylose industry. Only about 20 per cent of the cottonseed hull goes into xylose and most of the remaining 80 per cent will go into carbon. Consequently the first step will be to make xylose and the second will be carbon.

#### Interest in Manufacture

Already manufacturers are making inquiry concerning the process developed by Dr. Basore, and actual manufacturing probably will start not long after a patent is granted. Dr. Basore has made it on a small commercial scale in his laboratory. He was assisted by W. K. Schweickhardt.

Carbon of this kind is used extensively in purifying sugar solutions, glucose solutions, phosphate solutions, oils, gases, and for many other purposes. For example, it was used on a large scale in gas masks during the World War.

For all purposes carbon is now being used in large quantities. It is manufactured from different cellulose materials. Part of it comes from American manufacturers and the other imported. One of the largest manufacturers is in Holland.

#### C. B. MOORE HURT IN FALL FROM WETUMPKA BRIDGE

C. B. Moore '14, resident engineer in charge of construction of the new highway bridge over the Coosa River at Wetumpka, suffered a severe injury Saturday, January 17, when he fell from one of the main spans of the structure to the rocks 40 feet below.

He was rendered temporarily unconscious, but revived while enroute in an ambulance to St. Margaret's Hospital in Montgomery, where an X-ray examination revealed no bones had been broken, though his body was painfully bruised, and he sustained a severe cut on the back of the head. Attending surgeons at the time could not state definitely, whether Mr. Moore had received any internal injuries.

Mr. Moore has long been one of the Highway Department's most valued and efficient employees. For the past five years he has been actively identified in an important and responsible capacity with highway bridge construction in Alabama. He was resident engineer in charge of the building of the Reese's Ferry

#### STUDENTS ATTEND AUBURN FROM ALL ALA. COUNTIES

When class work was suspended on December 20 for the Christmas holidays, students returned to their homes located in every county of this State, and 20 other states. In addition, four foreign countries are represented.

The total enrollment this year is 1,817, according to statistics released by Prof. Charles W. Edwards, associate registrar. Eighty-eight per cent of these students reside in Alabama. Jefferson County, with 284, has the largest enrollment of any county in the state. Lee is second with 248, Montgomery third with 78, Mobile fourth with 77, Chambers fifth with 46, Tallapoosa sixth with 41, and Clarke seventh with 39. The state of Georgia is represented by 91 students; Florida, 22; South Carolina, 11; Mississippi, 18; Tennessee, 12; North Carolina, 6; Texas, 5; New York, 5; Indiana, 3; Louisiana, 3; Arkansas, 2; Kentucky, 2; Ohio, 2; Massachusetts, 2; Connecticut, 1; Washington D. C., 1; Illinois, 1; Maryland, 1; Minnesota, 1; and Nebraska, 1;

Foreign countries are represented as follows: Mexico, 6; Armenia, 1; Guatemala, 1; and Cuba, 1;

These 1,817 students are enrolled in the nine schools and divisions of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. They are the school of agriculture, the division of engineering, and the schools of architecture and allied arts, textile engineering, science and literature, chemistry and pharmacy, education, home economics, and Veterinary medicine.

#### AUBURN AIRPORT

President of Auburn, Bradford Knapp, has recently been elected head of the Auburn-Opelika Airport, Inc., thus marking another forward step in the plans for local aviation facilities. The field which has been chosen for the future airport has already been in use for that purpose, although work on clearing it thoroughly has just recently begun.

Bridge on the Birmingham Highway, near Montgomery.

In the building of the various toll bridges, he was division engineer in charge of all of these structures that span the Tennessee River. He was also in charge of the construction of the bridge at Gadsden, and for some time past has been resident engineer at the Wetumpka Bridge job. Mr. Moore was originally from Marion, but during his assignment at Wetumpka, he and Mrs. Moore have resided there.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

## ---THE POET INQUIRES

OUR COPY of the new Directory of Administrative Staff and Faculty (and you can get a copy by writing us, by the way) came into the office the other day and then got lost. What might have happened to it is a mystery still, but the borrower left an amusing answer to the poet's query "What's in a name" to pay for the loan.

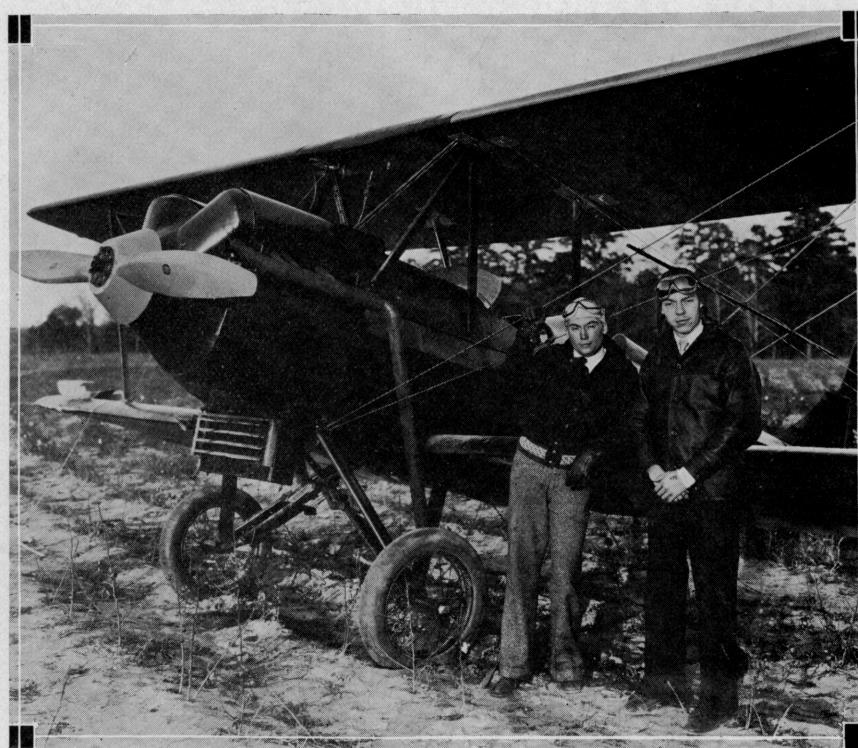
"Near a pleasant Lee, on a broad Heath criss-crossed by Lanes Green in Sommer and Brown in Winters, lies Auburn. From the Ruffin's Camp at one end of the town to the High Hill at the other, Fair Brooks lined by Ivey, Chesnutt, Hazel Brush, Grimes golden apple trees, Rose bushes, gay Hays and 'Ayoocks run all Askew. Flying about and up to the Blue skies are Martins, Taylor birds, Weavers, Crows, Lings, Duggars, Finches, while Peacocks and Goslings strut and honk below. In the forest are Boevers, Hares, Harts with Hornes, and Newt (ons); Roe, Salmon, and Seal are in the waters.

"A King (who has his Jester) rules this city, aided by a Reeve and Bailey who keep order with the assistance of a Sargent who mans the Cannon, and a few Arant men who soldier in Earnest. The church government has its own Pope, whose Bishop has appointed an able Dean to care for the Good People and Auburn's Christensons. A Sexton tolls for and buries the dead. There is excellent order in the town generally yet, if you will Harkin, you may hear the Wright, Smith, and Hooper Macon hoops. . . .

"Auburn is a city of presidents, what with Adams, Hays, Harrison, Taylor, Wilson, Jackson, and Johnson; and her list of poets and novelists is also one to brag about—Burns, Meredith, Johnson, Pope, Peacock, Scott, Arnold, Bennett, Burke, Cobb, Mitchell, Riley, and Moore. Then Turner and Sargent are artists and Schubert, a musician. The tradesmen are representative: a Brewster, Butler, Clark, Coleman, Cotter, Dennis (dentist), a Solon, Don, Gardner, a Spencer, a Grower, Slaughter(er), Weaver, Wright, Palmer, Salter, a Turner, and Gunby is a ballistic expert . . . and we almost forgot—a Trollope!

"Prosperity is evident in the number of cars seen in the streets—a Hays, Gardner, Allen, Austin, Davis, Jackson, King, Metts, Mitchell, Pope, and Stearns we see. And there are Forbus(es) if you have no automobile. Really, everyman has a few

## Student Aviators and Their Plane



FIRST STUDENTS on this campus to own an aeroplane are James W. Boyd of Auburn and Jesse F. Stallings of Birmingham—both juniors in the aeronautical engineering course.

Boyd and Stallings are shown in the accompanying photo with Boyd's plane. It is an Air-Bos Biplane, powered with an 180 horse power Hispano-Suiza engine, manufactured by the Southern Aircraft Corporation, of Birmingham. The plane has a capacity of three, including the pilot.

Boyd started flying in June, 1928, in Tampa, Florida, at the McMullan School of Aviation. He has ninety hours of flying to his credit, twenty of which were gained in Florida. He was a cadet in the U. S. Army Flying School at Riverside, California, and gained seventy hours there. At present he is flying the biplane shown in the photograph.

Stallings started flying in July, 1925, when he bought an old wartime training plane, better known as a Curtis JN-4, or Jenny, in Birmingham. He had three hours of dual instruction at that time. He learned to fly solo in 1926 at the Louisville School of Aviation, in Louisville, Kentucky. He had 43 hours of solo work in Louisville. Stallings is now building a monoplane.

Nicholls, Orr Ott to at least, so no one is ever sent a Dunn. In fact, a Pearson is not allowed to Biggin living in Auburn at all at first, but is Givhen a Boddie of land on the outskirts by some public Doner, a Barrow, a Hackney coach, a few Jewels and told to grow a Beard and become a Shaver before he can be a citizen.

"I was walking slowly through the town when, at the Beck of a Shi man, I Trott(ed) down the Bloch. It was an old friend, and I was Gladys I could (Apple) bee.

"'Watt's the idea,' I said, 'Macon us Wade through this traffic; it's almost a Slaughter. I'm all a-Swettman!'

"He led me to his Garrett, filled with cheap Wicker furniture, and rugs with the Knapp all fuzzed up, saying, 'I Steele for a living now, so

I've got to 'Ware the cops. It's slim Pickens these days in my game'."

"'You've got to Showalter,' I said thinking he was lying.

"'Why, the streets are lined with Pitts for me; everyone Slights me. The Betts are all against me. Even Watwood I've got for my fire is all Cobb(s). I've got to Hyde, or I'll be put behind the lock and Staples.'

"Well, he Sizemore and more about his woes to me, until suddenly I heard the Van Wagenen horses all come clanging up the street. Then I saw my friend press a button in the wall, and before you could say J. Robinson I saw the Waldrop and my friend disappear. I knew he would Wynne out somehow, though, but Hutsell to live like that—in Auburn."

# Director Duncan Calls In Alabama County Agents for Special Session

## Study Present Agricultural Situation

THE COUNTY demonstration agents of Alabama were in session at Auburn on December 29 and 30. The meeting was called by Director L. N. Duncan primarily for the purpose of studying the present agricultural situation and outlook. With the best information available, county agents returned home from the meeting and set to work to give the farmers, bankers, and business men the information which they obtained at Auburn.

County-wide meetings of farmers, bankers, and business men were held throughout the State in January at which the facts were considered from a local standpoint, and a county program worked out and adopted for promotion throughout the year by all those who are interested in better and more profitable farming.

Two agricultural economists came from Washington to Auburn to present the latest authentic data on the situation. One (Mr. Chas. F. Sarles) was from the Federal Farm Board, and the other (Mr. L. O. Howell) was from the cotton division of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Briefly, their data revealed that:

(1) Cotton prices are very low, due to under-consumption.

(2) There is nothing to indicate any major price advances for some time. In fact, indications are rather conclusive that prices of cotton the next ten years will average considerably below the average for the last ten years.

(3) The consumption of American cotton has declined during the last two years much more than cotton produced in other countries. This was attributed to the fact that for more than a year the work of the Federal Farm Board has kept prices of American cotton above world prices, thereby causing spinners in other countries to buy more cotton produced outside of the United States.

(4) In view of the large supply of cotton now available, it is apparent that cotton growers should reduce their acreage in 1931, for a big crop is not needed.

Having presented these facts it

was concluded that Alabama farmers should:

(1) Do everything that they can to reduce production costs in 1931. Of course they should not carry this to the extent of sacrificing efficiency and economy.

(2) Make an ample supply of feed and food crops for home and farm needs.

(3) Produce one or more cash crops to supplement cotton.

To reduce production costs to the minimum enough modern machinery and power must be used. It was realized that the use of fertilizer will be curtailed. Yet the discussion brought out the fact that the use of enough fertilizer of the right kind helps to reduce the cost of making cotton. The land should be improved, good seed of the best varieties of cotton planted, and modern cultural methods practiced.

Dr. Bradford Knapp placed special emphasis on the production of better staples of cotton by using varieties recommended by the Experiment Station at Auburn through the county agents and otherwise.

### INCREASE IN POWER ASKED FOR WAPI

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ond zone WCAU, Philadelphia; Third zone, WSB, Atlanta, and WSM, Nashville; Fourth zone, WGN, Chicago, and WCCO, Minneapolis; Fifth zone, KPO, San Francisco and KOA, Denver.

Stations recommended for increase to 25,000 watts power included: Third zone, WBT, Charlotte, and WAPI, Birmingham.

Yost's report was a substitute for one he submitted early in January when he recommended that 20 of the 24 applicants be granted 50,000 watts power. In rejecting that report the Commission instructed the Chief Examiner to select eight stations for the vacant 50,000-watt positions on clear channels.

### M. K. CLEMENTS RESIGNS POST AS SUPERINTENDENT

In 1912 M. K. Clements was elected superintendent of schools of Limestone County, a position he has held continuously for eighteen years. Three years ago his health failed, and in October last he tendered his resignation to take effect December 31, 1930. This resignation, offered because of Mr. Clements' long, continued sickness, was reluctantly accepted by the Board, the members of which adopted resolutions of appreciation of Mr. Clements' long and efficient services of 58 years.

Mr. Clements is nearly seventy-six years old. Throughout his educational career he has been an active member of the Alabama Education Association.

He is one of the college's oldest alumni, having graduated from Auburn with the class of 1876, four years after the college was established. He was born in Clay County, Alabama, on the 18th day of March, 1855. After graduation he taught for more than thirty years in rural schools of Alabama as well as in high schools and colleges. For 11 years he was president of the Secondary Agricultural School at Athens, resigning that position in 1904 to enter the practice of law in Athens. In 1905 Mr. Clements was elected mayor of Athens and served with distinction for two terms.

### ALABAMA ECONOMIC REVIEW PUBLISHED AT AUBURN

The first issue of the "Alabama Economic Review" which is a monthly summary of agricultural, industrial, and financial conditions in the State and in the nation, has come from the press and is being distributed extensively over Alabama. It is a 20 page bulletin published by the bureau of economic research and the department of agricultural economics of the Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn.

### OLD "COLLEGE INDEX" (Continued from page 7)

mingham. (Ed. Note: Prof. Crenshaw believes Mr. Broun is dead.) Mr. Samford, a trustee of Auburn, lives in Opelika, and Mr. Dunstan is professor of electrical engineering on the campus.

### A Stock Company

THE USUAL "Salutory" printed in maiden literary efforts of the day contains the unusual announcement that this new venture is "owned and managed by a stock company composed of a certain number of the

professors, instructors, and students", this being done in the hope that it shall not, therefore, fail as its predecessors had done. It claims entire exemption from partisan quarrels of all sorts, and "proposes to be the exponent of all that is best for the student in the various departments of college work, whether of literature or science".

The departments of College and Town Topics contain a few quips whose pointedness has been lost in the dim dusts of time, but the names of J. V. Brown, W. B. Clay, G. O. Shackleford, Miss Happy Newman and three Bondurant sisters—Emily, Loula, and Dabney, Mrs. W. C. Whitaker, and the Misses Ella and Kate Lupton are more familiar.

"Our Football Team", whose mentor, Dr. Petrie (See ALUMNUS for March, 1928, pp. 10-11ff) is still at Auburn, is editorialized and eulogized (anonymously) prominently. On that famous team were Prof. McKissick, center rush; (Captain) Frank Lupton, Dorsey, "Old hard shell" Toomer, Harry Smith and Stephens who were at ends, "Old Hard" Buckalew, Redding, Brown (who is J. V., Alumni Secretary, and then always known as "Mercer's big center rush"), Anderson, Shackleford, and the "scrubs" captain, Boykin. It affords us a smile to note the extreme enthusiasm accorded the athletes in that day when every effort was made to get men who would **play** "without regard to race, color, or previous condition of servitude, the only standard being ability to play football", and the note that despite "no extra pains to secure men who were not already in college" they had whipped Alabama 10-0 in the past season. The writer adds, however, "This was our only inter-collegiate contest, for the authorities refused to allow us to go off any more that winter". Every success was attributed to the managerial ability of "Billy" Feagin, whose leadership is still remembered.

OUR NEXT copy of the **Index** is for January, 1893, and its staff remains unaltered. This copy and the one for April, carries the name of H. H. Smith "No. 1" on their covers, with A. St. C. Dunstan on the January, February, March, April, and May issues. A. S. Andrews, whom we cannot locate, has written his name on the February number at the top, and an unknown W. H. Godwin (?) records his one time ownership of the May number.

We trace with reluctance, so because it is our last copy, down

through the June, 1893, issue which notes the addition of J. F. Webb '93 to the Staff as associate editor. Commencement program, list of graduates, and the class prophecy for '93 (by Joel F. Webb) occupy all but a few of the 32 pages. These last ones are rimmed in black and are a farewell to Dr. N. T. Lupton who died that year, on Sunday afternoon, June 11.

### EARLY AUBURN HISTORY

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the cornerstone of the Male College. That was in the fifties. It was first a Methodist College. The day that cornerstone was laid was another day long remembered by those who were there at that time. The first president was Dr. Sasnett. Professor John Dunklin, father of Mrs. J. C. Street, husband of Mrs. S. J. Dunklin, and Mr. Glenn belonged to the first faculty. Professor Dunklin kept his place until his death, which was several years after the war and after it was turned over to the State. Major Slaton, now superintendent of Public Schools of Atlanta, was principal of the Preparatory Department. His assistants were Professor John Goetchers and Professor McNeily.

#### Civil War Closes Colleges

The Civil War closed both colleges. The buildings were used as hospitals for the soldiers. Auburn had two hospitals, three camps of instruction. The Auburn ladies certainly were patriotic women, did all in their power to help the soldiers, had their sewing societies, meeting twice a week, spending the day each time. Two married ladies and a young lady had appointed days at the hospital making eggnogs for the wounded and serving in other ways. At the close of the war, when the railroads were all torn up and the poor, worn-out soldiers had to foot it to their homes, the Auburn Ladies for weeks kept a Wayside Home to feed them. They would even go to the crossing near the depot and carry sacks to the soldiers passing.

Auburn had no railroad until about 1846 or 1847. The first engineer whose train ran through Auburn was a Mr. Gordon. Mr. Charlie Marsh was one of the first conductors.

The first hotel was kept by Mr. Randal Padget on the lot now owned by Mr. Cary McElhaney. Dr. Cobb, Sr., and Dr. McElhaney were among the first dentists; Drs. Winn and McDowell, the first physicians. The merchants through forties and fifties were Harper, Clower, Cooley, Kidds, Harvey and Allen, Dillard and Mar-

tin, Raiford, Drake and White, Mabone, Evans; druggists—Dr. Mason, Broadnax, Flanagan and Harper, Dixon; book merchant—William Price; jeweler—Ptchoisner.

All the dry goods merchants had their bookkeepers, giving them a salary of not less than a thousand dollars a year.

There were two papers published all through the fifties.

Mr. Joe, Alsie and Reuben Hollifield went to Auburn in the fifties. Mr. Joe Hollifield was a merchant as long as he was in the place.

Lampkins, Persons, Andrews, Oliver, Bass, Moors, went there in the fifties.

### ANOTHER INVENTION BY AUBURN'S HUTCHISON

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every gallon of gasoline it burns. Dr. Hutchison makes the amazing estimate that if every car in America were equipped with such a meter, a billion-dollar-a-year waste of gasoline, now going out into the air with exhaust, would end.

FOR perfect combustion, the fuel and-air mixture which your car's carburetor supplies to the motor should be changed to suit the weather—hot, cold, fair, or rainy. At present this can be done only by guess-work. With the aid of the "monoxide meter" the most inexperienced motorist can tune his car as accurately as an expert mechanic.

Once a day, say, he would watch his meter, with the engine running, and adjust the carburetor until the meter needle read only about "Five Percent" of fuel wasted. At this setting the motor emits practically no monoxide: a little waste is unavoidable in order to avoid overheating caused by the slow burning of too "lean" a gasoline mixture.

One popular make of car has a carburetor-adjusting knob on the instrument panel, making the adjustment possible from the driver's seat. Other makes of cars could quite easily be fitted with similar attachments.

Dr. Hutchison's invention is not intended exclusively for pleasure cars. It may be installed on a truck, a bus, or even a boat, railway motor car, or airplane.

The other day the inventor fitted one to the fast plane of Capt. Frank M. Hawks, aerial speed king, and said that it would increase his cruising range from 700 to 1,000 miles with the same amount of gasoline carried. On his first trip with the device from New York to Memphis, Tenn., Hawks reported a forty percent fuel saving.

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